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Sockrider	Margaret	O. "Peg"	48
Sollazzo	Columbus	John	305
Sonnenberg	Alvin		388
Sontag	Kathe	B. (Kahl)	285
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Sowers	Kay	A.	111
Spade	Andrea	Dee	284
Spahr	Josephine	L.	279
Spangler	Corsie		170
Spear	Helen	R.	210
Spearow	Clifford		117
Speicher	Lola	G.	321
Spencer	Zelma		239
Spicer	Karl	J.	70
Springer	Dr. Kenneth	W.	208
Sprunger	Alta	F.	288
Spurgeon	Richard	J.	195
Spurrier	Ralph	B.	136
Squires	William	James	262
Sroufe	F.	Lynn	69
Stackhouse	Maurice	Douglas	285
Stafford	Fern		340
Staggs	Norma	D.	186
Stahl	Edna	L.	83
Stahl	Edna	L.	85
Stahl	Margrette	E.	165
Stahl	Sy	F.	298
Stamper	Stephen		273
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Stanley	Willis	E.	207
Stanner	Wendell	C. "Chet"	71
Stantz	Zelma	C.	23
Stariha	Gladys	B.	31
Starkey	Betty		245
Starner	Clarence	B.	267
Stavitzke	Walter	E.	117
Stebing	George	J.	391
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Steeves	Walter	H.	313

Steininger	Mary	E.	146
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Steinmetz	Mary	Ellen	388
Stephenson	James	Roy	27
Sterling	Cheryl	A. (Ames)	44
Stetler	Bessie	L.	102
Stevens	Edward	J.	299
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Stevenson	Mabel	L.	191
Stewart	Myron	T.	137
Stidams	Shelly	R.	335
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Stimmel	Jade	Elizabeth	84
Stoh	Ernest		36
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Strite	Lowell	George	359
Stroman	Merritt	L.	350
Strong	Faye	E.	212
Strong Sr.	Richard	H.	2
Strouse	Orville	J.	313
Strow	Harold	Eugene	400
Studebaker	Maxine	E.	25
Stull	Janet	N.	110
Stultz	Quentin	F.	163
Sturgill	Loreina	E.	280
Sukala	Cristian	James	77
Summey	Marjorie	K.	321
Sumney	Esther	S.	287
Sunday	Irene	H.	1
Sutton	Elmer	A.	76
Swander	Janet	E.	167
Swank	Gerald	G.	56
Swartz	June	E.	298
Sweeney Sr.	Edmund	Collins	19
Swenson	Mary	Louise	24
Swickard	Ilah	F.	205
Tarleton	Esther	F.	261
Tarlton	Richard	M.	299
Taulbee	Harold		44
Taylor	Loretta	J.	80
Taylor	Loretta	J.	81
Taylor Jr.	Ray	A.	214
Thews	Barbara	J.	104
Thomas	Mary	Alice	68
Thomas	Birdie	L.	206
Thomas	Jack	A.	270
Thompson	Robert	Gene	65
Thompson	Linda	E.	177
Thompson	Barbara	Elaine	329

Thomson	Francis	R.	341
Thornburgh	Leila	K.	131
Thorne	Robert	E. "Sonny"	393
Thornton	Ellen	Rose	367
Thorp	Rosier	Wayne	387
Thrapp	Elizabeth	J.	352
Thrush	Richard	A.	252
Thrush	Jeanne	M. (Kirchner)	277
Thrush	Robert	M.	331
Thurman	Ferdinand	H.	141
Tierney	James	E.	337
Tiffner	Martha	M.	270
Tinkham	Catherine	R.	8
Todd	Richard	C.	293
Tope	Pauline	E.	367
Tracy	Matthew	J.	119
Tracy	Cassie		167
Trail	Consuela	A.	395
Trail	Tori		395
Trail	Tessa		395
Travelbee	Robert	F. "Rod"	133
Traycoff	Phillip	S.	155
Treesh	Garland	"Bud"	204
Treesh	Walter	E.	283
Trenary	Forest	D.	294
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Trippel	Emily	B.	262
Tritch	Donald	Keith	83
Trowbridge	Christopher	Ryan	313
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Tubbs	Grace		219
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Tubbs	Rhea	I.	289
Turner	Robert	T.	334
Turpin	Peggy	A.	60
Twaits	M.	Scott	247
Twitchell	Margaret	E.	346
Tygrett	Farley	Ray	65
Tyre	Russell	A.	391
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Umbaugh	Harry	B. "Red"	237
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Umbaugh	V.	Bernice	351
Vachon	Kenneth		203
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Van Auken	Carleton	Eugene	375
Van Dolick	Paul	J.	231
Van Dyne	Gregory	D.	230
Van Zile	Helen	G. (Auer)	311
Vanzile	Caroline	B.	131
Vaughn	Luella		215
Vaughn	Virginia	I. "Ginger"	265
Vaughn	Virginia	I. "Ginger"	269
Veazey	William	C.	80
Vendrely	Mary	Jane	191
Vice	George	L.	281
Vinson	Edna	L.	297
Vogely	Margie	L.	207
Vonderau	Sophie	E.	230
Vorndran	Mildred	Deiser	133
Waddell	R.	Marjorie	102
Wade	Pansy	E.	240
Wade	Helen	Edith	294
Wade Jr.	Harry	J. "Jim"	35
Wagner	Mabel	E.	293
Wagner	Bette	M.	300
Wahl	Martin	G.	186
Wainwright	Jeannette	S.	28
Waldron	Fern		313
Walker	Willis	A.	159
Walker	W.	Clair	255
Walker	Alice	J.	280
Walker	Russell	F.	338
Walker	Russell	F.	339
Walker	Arland	L.	351
Wall	Wilma	P.	4
Wallace	John	A. "Jack"	281
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Wallace	Isiah	Manuel	323
Walsh	Sally	J.	245
Walter	Donna	Jean	44
Walter	Dale	F.	78
Walter	Dale	F.	80
Walter	Helen	Maxine	134
Walter	Marion	E.	249
Walter	Melissa	J. "Missy"	254
Walter	Darrel	R. "Bob"	358
Walters	Bernice		140
Wappes	Amelia	Irene Ruppert	155
Wappes	Merl		391
Warner	Clayton	"Buzz"	57
Warren	Richard		338
Warrener	Sarah	Gail	263
Warrener	Gerald	George Robert	367

Warstler	Walter	G.	214
Watson	Effa	Christina	127
Watt	Geraldine	"Geri"	361
Weaver	Roma	L.	349
Weaver	Mary	E.	355
Webb Sr.	James	E.	90
Weber	Paul	L.	179
Weber	Ethel	I.	383
Webster	Weldon	W.	37
Weeder	Helen	M.	355
Weeks	C.	Wilbur	383
Weicht	M.	Elaine	369
Weimer	Darlene	M.	259
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Weinberg	Winfield		259
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Weirich	Ellen	C.	249
Weiss	Evan	Joseph	370
Weiss	Ian	James	370
Welch	Carolyn	J.	161
Wellman	Minette	A.	33
Wellman	Selma	L.	141
Wenger	Robert	L.	340
Wentzel	Covert	L.	36
Werner	Vivian	F.	194
Wesner	Cleal	R.	16
Western	Delores		21
Wetzel	Robert	C.	254
Wheaton	Esther	J.	34
Wherry	Mabel		312
Whitacre	Loa	A.	273
Whitney	Robert		292
Whitney	Robert	L.	294
Whysong	Mary	L.	105
Wilcoxson	Cole	William	41
Wilcoxson	Harold	W.	56
Wilder	Carl		251
Wilder	Berniece	Hart	336
Wilkins	Lois	M. "Rusty"	59
Williams	Buddy	E. "Bud"	9
Williams	M.	Lenore	97
Williams	Karsten	D.	98
Williams	Kathryn	F.	256
Willmering	Agnes	E.	397
Willoughby	Joyce	S.	390
Wilson	Lois	M.	157
Wilson	Claude	James	159
Windle	Maxine	A.	372
Winebrenner	Carl	"Skip"	275

Winebrenner	Nellie	Jean	350
Winebrenner	Nellie	Jean	353
Wireman	Sam		7
Wirtz	Beulah	N.	172
Wise	Jon	F.	83
Wisniewski	Casey	Irene	380
Witham Jr.	John	E.	129
Witmer	Agnes	(Graber)	241
Witt	Roy	E.	332
Wolf	Mary	L.	212
Wolfe	Bertha	May	110
Wolff	Albert	Loyd	343
Woll	Melvin	H.	239
Wonderly	Hazel	M.	240
Wood	Robert	E.	116
Woodworth	Jessie	W.	397
Wooten	Harry	A.	8
Workman	Helen	L.	35
Workman	Mary	Ellen	66
Workman	Francis	E. "Sonny"	107
Workman	Norma	M.	393
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Yeary	Clellan	"Ted"	260
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Young	Judy		26
Young	Dorothy		104
Young	Beryle		362
Zegenfus	Bernadette		329
Zeller	Laura	A.	45

Zerkle	Robert	E.	96
Zimerman Jr.	Harry	L.	360
Zimmer	Wanda	J.	283
Zimmerman	Keith		32
Zimmerman	Elnora		228
Zimmerman	Doris	E.	319
Zollinger	Nancy	Lou	180
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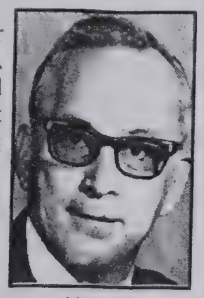
Deaths/Funerals

James Herzer

GARRETT — James C. Herzer, 75, died Tuesday at 9:25 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.


Herzer

Mr. Herzer was a retired, self-employed insurance agent and a lifelong Garrett resident. He was a 1939 graduate of Garrett High School and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a steward in dining cars for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from 1947 to 1951. He was co-owner of the TeePee Sandwich Shop in Auburn from 1951 to 1958. He owned the Garrett license branch from 1972 to 1984, and was a DeKalb County commissioner from 1976 to 1984.

Mr. Herzer was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the board of the Garrett Public Library. He was a past president of the Garrett Chamber of Commerce and active in the Gideons Society.

He was also a member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 and Garrett Masonic Lodge 537, F.&A.M., all bodies of the York Rite, Mizpah Shrine and Noble County Shrine Club. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, where he won the MSA award.

He was born Jan. 23, 1921, in Garrett to the late Bessie (Haver) and James C. Herzer Sr.

He married Barbara A. Bosse on July 6, 1957, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, D. Matt of Phoenix, William "Andy" of Murphysboro, Tenn., and James "Tim" of Salt Lake City; two sisters, Katherine Kleeman and Mary Ruth Clark, both of Garrett; two grandchildren, Barrett and Haedyn Herzer; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Dillon, and two sisters, Waneta Hawver and Manzella Yarde.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 will conduct a service tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

A private family service and burial will take place Friday in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

A public memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett United Methodist Church or Garrett Public Library.

Irene Sunday

HUDSON — Irene H. Sunday, 79, of rural Hudson, died at 7 a.m. Wednesday in her residence.

She was born in Waterloo Oct. 16, 1917, to Earl and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest. On May 4, 1935, in Pleasant Lake, she married Ray Sunday. He survives.

Mrs. Sunday, a 1935 graduate of Ashley High School, was a homemaker and farm wife. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, rural Pleasant Lake, and its ladies aid.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Dorothy Ann Sunday of San Jose, Calif., and Debra Rene Saylor of Manassas, W.Va.; a son, David Earl Sunday of Anchorage, Alaska; four sisters, Edna Miller and Lavon Eyster, both of Angola, Viola Reiter of Auburn, and Dorothy Fisher of St. James City, Fla.; a brother, Robert Forrest of Waterloo; and three grandchildren, David Trevor Saylor, Jon Nicholas Saylor and Kristoffer Ray Saylor.

She was preceded in death by five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Golden Lake Road, rural Pleasant Lake, with the Rev. Glenda Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Society or Cameron Home Health Care Hospice.

Betty Baker

BUTLER — Betty J. Baker died Wednesday at 10:45 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Ada Redmon

WATERLOO — Ada C. Redmon, 86, died Wednesday morning at her home on County Road 39, Waterloo.

Mrs. Redmon was a homemaker and taught Sunday school for 20 years. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and its women's organization, the DeKalb Hospice Volunteer Association, Waterloo Minerva Club and Jolly Times Club.

She was born July 20, 1910, in Wells County to the late Harry A. and Elizabeth (Bennett) Mitchell.

She married James Gilbert Redmon on Aug. 10, 1930, in Martinsville and he died Jan. 25, 1978.

Surviving are two sons, James Robert of Marina Valley, Calif., and Mark A. of Norfolk, Va.; two daughters, Margaret Ellert of Waterloo and Judith K. Todd of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; five brothers, John Mitchell of Elkhart, Harry Mitchell of Payson, Ariz., Charles Mitchell of Oregon, Ohio, James Mitchell of Charleston, S.C., and Jerry Mitchell of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Ulmer of Anderson and Pat Yoder of Bluffton; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Robert Ruhl

LAGRANGE — Robert W. Ruhl, 73, died Monday at 5:45 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A graduate of Flint High School, he was a lineman and superintendent for Rural Electric Membership Corp. for 40 years. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and Sugar Grove Church of God, Churubusco.

He was born March 6, 1923, in Auburn to Alfred and Florence (Rogers) Ruhl.

On April 30, 1983, he married Betty J. (Penland) Ruhl. She survives in LaGrange.

He also is survived by his stepmother, Glenoris Ruhl of Angola; two sons, Conrad Ruhl of Montgomery, Mich., and Thomas Ruhl of Angola; one brother, LaMar Ruhl of Angola; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his second wife, Bernedene Ruhl, on April 28, 1980; and one brother, Alfred Duane Ruhl, in 1996.

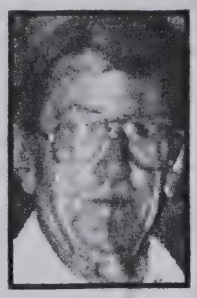
Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Sugar Grove Church of God or a charity of the donor's choice.

Richard Strong Sr.

WATERLOO — Richard H. Strong Sr., 72, died Sunday at 10 p.m. in his Waterloo home.



Strong

Mr. Strong retired from Halex Corp. in Hamilton in 1986. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Oct. 6, 1924, in Winfield Township, Lake County, Ind., to the late Arthur and Phoebe (Claussen) Strong.

Surviving are one son, Richard H. Jr. of Waterloo; two brothers, Roger of Crown Point and Raymond of Arizona; and his former wife, Judith Ann Davis of Bourg, La.

One brother, Robert, and one sister, Ruth Strong, preceded him in death.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Margaret McCaffrey

FORT WAYNE — Margaret M. McCaffrey, 98, died at 10 a.m. Monday in Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born in Marlboro, N.Y., April 20, 1898, to Patrick and Elizabeth (Lunney) Farrell. She had lived in Fort Wayne most of her life. She married John P. McCaffrey and he preceded her in death in 1962.

Mrs. McCaffrey was retired from General Electric Co. after 20 years of service. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality.

Surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth Barlow of Hudson; a son, John McCaffrey of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert McCaffrey, former Fort Wayne fire chief, in 1993.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with the Rev. Michael Heintz officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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Arthur Haynes

INDIANAPOLIS — Arthur J. Haynes, 92, died Wednesday at 7:55 a.m. in Westminster Village North at Indianapolis. He was a former Auburn resident.

Mr. Haynes and his wife founded the Auburn Dairy in 1920 and owned it until 1947. He founded Haynes & Potter Motors in Auburn in 1947 and sold it in 1968. He was a long-time employee of the DeKalb Central United School District.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, and a 50-year member of the Auburn Lions Club, with 33 years of perfect attendance. He also was a 50-year member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F.&A.M., and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was born Feb. 18, 1904, in Garrett to the late Fred and Ida Haynes.

He married Jessi Smith on May 29, 1924, in Kendallville, and she died Aug. 2, 1996.

Surviving are one grandson and his wife, John and Katrina Edwards of Indianapolis, and three great-grandchildren, Ben, Marissa and Jacob Edwards.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Marilyn Christiansen; one sister, Florence Miller; and two brothers, Nelson and Carl.

A graveside service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Robert Heimach of the First Presbyterian Church, Bluffton, will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb High School.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Joe Hurni

AUBURN — Joe A. Hurni, 55, died Tuesday at 9:26 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Hurni

Mr. Hurni operated Hurni Decorating Center in Auburn, then merged the business with Interiors Inc., which he operated in Auburn and Angola from 1972 to 1982. He served as district sales manager for Harrison Paint Corp. of Canton, Ohio, from 1982 until his death. He was a member of the County Line Church of God and the Auburn Lions Club. He was a former member and past president of Auburn Little League.

He was born Oct. 5, 1941, in Auburn. His mother, Vera (Crabill) Hurni, survives in Auburn and his father, Harry Dale Hurni, is deceased.

He married Kathleen Flanagan on June 19, 1976, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard L. of Indianapolis and Dane A. of Auburn; five daughters, Melissa M. Jackson of Fort Wayne, and Lana J. Sutton, Valerie K. Hurni, Jilleen J. Hurni, and Lindsay M. Hurni, all of Auburn; one brother, Gale Wayne of San Diego; and two grandchildren, Justin Pineiro and Rachel Sutton.

One sister, Judith Cope, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to the Hurni Children Trust Fund, in care of the County Line Church of God.

Burnis Ruch

BUTLER — Burnis N. Ruch, 82, died Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mrs. Ruch retired in 1977 from Crane Edmund Co., Butler, with 15 years of service. She lived in Butler. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Butler Eagles Lodge and Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Dunkirk to the late Orville and Mary (Walker) Smith.

She married Glenn E. Ruch on March 27, 1932, in Fort Wayne, and he died Feb. 11, 1993.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Greta Ruch of Flat Rock, Mich.; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Moore of Butler; two brothers, Orville Smith and Roy Smith, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Bonnie Coe of Florida; and five grandchildren, Pat Ruch of Flat Rock, Greg Ruch of Monroe, Mich., Brant Moore of Angola, Brian Moore of Butler, and Brenda Hoff of Edgerton, Ohio; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeremy Russell of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Betty Baker

BUTLER — Betty J. Baker, 70, died Wednesday at 10:45 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Baker had retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler, and lived in Butler.

She was born Jan. 26, 1926, in Auburn to the late Mike and Martha (Mitchell) Stebing.

She married Earl Baker on June 28, 1942, in Ringold, Ga., and he died Aug. 11, 1996.

Surviving are one son, Ronald of Butler; one daughter, Jean Jensen of Butler; two brothers, James Stebing of Auburn and George Stebing of Garrett; three sisters, Mary Reed of Genoa, Ohio, Barbara Luke of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mina DeLauder of Garrett; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Harry, Roy, Clarence, Dorsey and John Stebing; three sisters, Patty Henderson, Mary Ellen Brown, and Emma Reader; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling from noon-3 p.m. The Rev. Paul Patton will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

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Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeremy Russell of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler, officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Wilma Wall

FREMONT — Wilma P. Wall, 84, died Wednesday at her home in Fremont.

She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was born July 9, 1912, in Steuben County to Calvin and Ella (Maybee) Eatinger. She married Donald Wall and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1989.

She is survived by two sons, Dale Wall and Duane Wall, both of Fremont; one daughter, Mary Jane (and husband, Norman) Nichols of Noblesville; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Donald Wall Jr.; a granddaughter and a great-grandson.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Richard Smith and Elder Mary Ashley will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Covenanter Cemetery, Fremont.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Charlotte A. Cook**, 64, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Gary Lee Paynter**, 34, died Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 5-9 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Penrod

BLUFFTON — Charles L. Penrod, 93, died Thursday in Byron health Center, Fort Wayne.

He was a Wells County native and had owned Penrod Refrigeration Service for 55 years.

Surviving are his wife, Vida; four daughters, Donna Handshoe of Bluffton, Dixie Reich of Geneva, Ohio, Winifred Hambleton of Fremont and Peggy Thompson of West Jefferson, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services are today at 1:30 p.m. in Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Concerned Parents of the Handicapped at Bi-County Services.

Sharry Mayer

BRONSON, Mich. — Sharry Jo Mayer, 44, died at 12:40 p.m. Friday in her residence.

She was born July 5, 1952, in Coldwater, Mich., to John and Maxine (Bracey) Kain. On Dec. 18, 1971, in Orland, Ind., she married Stan Mayer, who survives. She was a homemaker and was a lifelong Bronson resident.

Mrs. Mayer earned a degree in elementary education from Western Michigan University. She had been student teaching. She was active in her church, where she served as a Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher.

She enjoyed reading, swimming, skiing, horseback riding, canoeing, gardening and playing the piano.

Surviving along with her husband are two daughters, Angela Marie Mayer and Traci Elaine Mayer, both at home; three sons, Kyle Wayne Mayer, a student at Western Michigan University, and Kevin John Mayer and Kurtis Joe Mayer, both at home; her mother, Maxine Pearl Kain of Bronson; two sisters, Mrs. David (Sandra) Starrett and Mrs. Paul (Judy) Cosgrove, both of Coldwater; one brother and sister-in-law, Cleo and Linda Kain of Climax, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, Bronson, with the Rev. Don Matteson officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson.

Calling is Sunday from 2-9 p.m. and Monday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Pleasant Hill Missionary Church Building Fund.

Area Deaths

NAPPANEE — **Anna Borkholder**, 85, sister of a LaGrange resident, died Wednesday. Services were held at 9:30 a.m. today at the Sylvanus Miller residence, 980 Second B Road, Nappanee.

Deaths/Funerals

Rebecca Rhetts

GARRETT — Rebecca B. Rhetts, 75, died Saturday at 6:40 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Rhetts had served as a news reporter for United Press International, the Marion Chronicle and the Garrett Clipper. She lived on West Third Street in Garrett and attended Garrett Presbyterian Church. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 17, 1921, in Marion to the late Frank and Mary R. (Rennecker) Butterworth.

She married C.C. Rhetts Jr. on Feb. 14, 1948, in Marion, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Chuck of Rome City; two daughters, Leslie Rhetts Lloyd of Clinton, Md., and Sue Miller of Garrett; one brother, Frank L. Butterworth Jr. of Marion; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10:30 a.m. The Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Public Library.

Herman Fisher

ALBION — Herman C. Fisher, 85, longtime Albion merchant, died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born Feb. 19, 1911, in Bremen to Charles and Emma C. (Staube) Fisher. On April 24, 1938, in Bremen, he married Martha Annis. She survives.

Mr. Fisher retired in 1989 after more than 50 years as a retail merchant of dry goods in Albion, Bremen, Waterloo and Kendallville. He was a past member of the Albion Chamber of Commerce, Eagles Lodge, Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis.

Mr. Fisher, an avid fisherman, had been known to enjoy and tell a fish story or two.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Lana E. Fisher of Oakland, Calif., Pamella Charleston of Fort Wayne, and Mary "Mitzi" Miller of Kendallville; two sons, Marc Fisher of Albion, and Jeff Fisher of Hickory Corner, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, with the Rev. Howard Marken officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday..

Preferred memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Noble House, both in Albion.

Janice Koch

AUBURN — Janice L. Koch, 37, of Auburn, died at 6:21 p.m. Sunday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Fanchon Mossberger

GARRETT — Fanchon D. Mossberger, 89, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in her home on East King Street in Garrett.

Mrs. Mossberger was a homemaker and member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, and the Garrett Eagles Lodge Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 17, 1907, in Garrett to the late Frank and Alma (Davis) Nelson.

She married Charles K. Mossberger on Feb. 4, 1930, in Garrett and he died Aug. 14, 1986.

Surviving are one daughter, Gloria McPheeters of Garrett; two sons, Robert O. of St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, and Frank N. of Jamestown, N.C.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Lucille Fuller and Lillian Hill, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Ivon Mendel

ANGOLA — Ivon C. Mendel, 87, of Angola, died Saturday at 1:15 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was a retired farmer and a member of the Steuben County Church of Chirst.

He was born April 18, 1909, in Linn County, Kan., to Jess and Mertie (Cox) Mendel. He married Eula Mendel, who preceded him in death in 1992.

He is survived by one son, Clayton of Angola; two daughters, Phyllis Napper of Nashville, Tenn., and Gatha (and husband Riz) Shariff of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one brother, Orville Mendel of Kansas City, Kan.; one sister, Inez Anderson of Mound City, Kan.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services took place today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Ron Winfree officiated. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

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Madelaine Zumbaugh

GARRETT — Madelaine S. Zumbaugh, 77, died Sunday at 5:15 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zumbaugh had been the Keyser Township assessor since 1958 and was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett. She lived on East Quincy Street.

She was born July 6, 1919, in Garrett to the late Roy and Marie Creager.

She married John A. Zumbaugh on Aug. 28, 1937, in Winchester, and he died May 8, 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Michael W. of Garrett and John E. of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Earl Creager, Wayne Creager and Roy Creager Jr., all of Garrett; and three grandsons, Doug Laub of Hamilton, and Michael and Erich Zumbaugh, both of Garrett.

One daughter, Mary Jean Laub, and one brother, William Creager, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with calling after 12:30 p.m. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial gifts may be given to the church or the Joel Lilly Fund.

Herbert Miller

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Herbert J. Miller, 66, died Sunday at 8:55 p.m. in Community Hospital of Williams County-Bryan, following a brief illness.

Mr. Miller retired in 1988 as a semi driver for Schneider Transport Co., where he was employed for many years. He lived in Montpelier for 30 years.

He was born April 1, 1930, in Ashley to the late Catherine T. (Karst) and Frederick B. Miller. His wife, Pauline, preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 1987.

Surviving are one son, Fred A. of Montpelier; two daughters, Paula Carpenter of West Unity, Ohio, and Debra K. Miller of Montpelier; two brothers, Elden of Gibson City, Ill., and Peter of Ashley; five sisters, Elizabeth Smith of Hillsboro, Ohio, Josephine Riddle of LaBelle, Fla., Mary Ferris of Niceville, Fla., Phyllis Hartman of Angola, and Connie Foley of Elk Grove, Calif.; a stepmother, Frances Farrell of California, and a friend, Ramona Beer of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Jennifer Miller and Misty Carpenter, on March 31, 1993, and two sisters, Frances Lemish and Henrietta Goebel.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Don Ramsey officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lucille Ellen Blaugh**, 74, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Daniel L. Eldien**, 56, died Thursday. Services were today in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Charles Christian Luther**, 89, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Sam Wireman**, 65, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ethel Verna Buffington**, 95, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Frank V. Garard**, 78, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Helen Breninger Pollock**, 89, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Salem Community Church, Wilmot, with calling one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Janice Koch

AUBURN — Janice L. Koch, 37, of Auburn, died at 6:21 p.m. Sunday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 15, 1959, in Fort Wayne, to Joseph and Gloria (Clem) Main. Her father survives in New Haven. Her mother preceded her in death. On Sept. 15, 1984, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, she married Carl E. Koch. He also survives.

Mrs. Koch, a cook at Town Tavern, had lived in Auburn five years moving from Avilla. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Surviving with her husband and father are two sons, Charles Chorpenning and Ryan Koch, both at home; a daughter, Gloria Koch, at home; four brothers, Joseph Main Jr. and Patrick Main, both of Fort Wayne, and Russell Main and Jeffrey Main, both of New Haven; and five sisters, Luetta Mendenhall of St. Joe, Mary Jo Chaffins of Auburn, Tonya Hamblin of Fort Wayne, Cassandra Brackett of Sturgis, Mich., and Jamie Lou Main of New Haven.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, where the rosary will be recited at 8:15 p.m. today.

Preferred memorials are to Mrs. Koch's children in care of Knisely National Bank in Auburn.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Grace J. Adams**, 80, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there today from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **Harry A. Wooten**, 69, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Catherine Tinkham

DECATUR — Catherine R. Tinkham, 78, of Decatur, died at 8:59 a.m. Monday in Extended Care of Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur, where she had been a patient one week. She had been ill a short time.

She was born Jan. 3, 1919, in Geneva, to Vernon S. and Mable I. (Cook) Ralston. On July 3, 1939, in Auburn, she married Woodrow W. Tinkham. He preceded her in death Sept. 2, 1982.

Mrs. Tinkham, a homemaker, attended Zion United Brethren Church.

Surviving are nine sons, Larry C. Tinkham of Wolcottville, Robert W. Tinkham, Vernon "Doc" Tinkham and Terry "Skeeter" Tinkham, all of rural Decatur, Jerry L. Tinkham of Fort Wayne, Charles H. Tinkham of Monroeville, William P. Tinkham and John A. Tinkham both of Tulsa, Okla., and James D. Tinkham of Springfield, Mo.; five daughters, Judy M. Black of Monroe, Mrs. Edward (Janet J.) Loshe and Mrs. Edward (Cathy) Brite, both of rural Decatur, Mrs. Michael (Janie) Ross of rural Willshire, Ohio, and Mrs. Shell (Jackie) Baughman of Decatur; six brothers, Hugh Ralston of Victorville, Calif.,Joe Ralston and Robert Ralston, both of Geneva, Vernon "Junior" Ralston of Bryant, David Ralston of Angola, and William D. Ralston of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Patsy Rothgery of Topeka; 38 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark; a sister and three brothers.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Roger Coppas officiating. Burial will be in Tricker Cemetery, Monroe.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today, 1-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before services on Thursday in the funeral home.

William Bishop

SPENCERVILLE — William C. Bishop, 70, died Monday at 1:27 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Bishop retired in 1976 from Zollner Pistons, Fort Wayne and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born March 26, 1926, in Somerville, Tenn., to the late Homer and Ressie (Rodgers) Bishop.

He married Bonnie J. Baker on April 13, 1947, in Ashley, Miss., and she died Jan. 4, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda (Mrs. Larry) Smith of Leo and Sherry (Mrs. Charles) Fischer of Leo; two brothers, Alfred and Johnny, both of Somerville; four sisters, Ruby Parks, Euphrey Stainback, Pauline Stainback, and Peggy Bishop, all of Somerville; one grandson, Troy Smith of Lakeland, Fla., and one granddaughter, Amy Smith of Leo.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Edgar, and one sister, Lela Mae Parks.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Funeral services will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville, with calling after noon. Pastor Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

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Kathryn Borchard

GARRETT — Kathryn Louise Borchard, 53, died Saturday in Orange, Calif.

She was born Jan. 11, 1943, in Garrett to Earnest and Cora (Worman) Bauman. On June 4, 1967 she married Terrance H. Borchard in Pocatella, Idaho.

In 1969 the Borchards went to Papua, New Guinea, as missionaries and she lived there until her death.

Surviving are her husband; her mother in Auburn; three daughters, Mary Elizabeth Dahlia of Tustin, Calif., Tamara Susan Borchard of Japan, and Rachel Borchard at home; one brother, James Bauman Sr., of Garrett; and one granddaughter, Arianna Dahlia.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, S.D.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Opportunity Fund through the Mission Board of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Buddy Williams

PLEASANT LAKE — Buddy "Bud" E. Williams, 71, a winter resident of Pasco County, Fla., died Dec. 21 at North Bay Medical Center, New Port Richey, Fla.

A World War II veteran, he was a retired farmer, and for the past several years had mowed for Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Camp, Pleasant Lake. For the past 21 years, he worked for Snell Groves, New Port Richey, in the winter.

He was born Feb. 14, 1925, in Rockford, Ohio, to Oscar and Lydia (Dull) Williams. On Aug. 15, 1943, he married Phyllis (Hiles) Williams, who survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Cheryl Anstett of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and three brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 27 at Bell Funeral Home, Bayonet Point, Fla. Burial was in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla.

Robert Battershell

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Robert R. Battershell, 33, died Monday morning in a two-car accident on Buckskin and Lake roads near Hicksville.

Mr. Battershell was employed by Renaissance Publishing Co. Inc. (Messenger Corp.) in Auburn for the past two years. A Hicksville resident, he was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville and was a T-Ball League coach.

He graduated in 1982 from Hicksville High School, where he was president of his class. He graduated from Defiance College in 1988.

Mr. Battershell was born Nov. 16, 1963, in Hicksville, the son of James and Mary (Gerschutz) Battershell. They survive in Hicksville.

He married Roseann Hauter in August 1988 in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are twin sons, Michael and Adam, both at home; four brothers, James Jr., Dave, John and Tom, all of Hicksville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Helen Battershell, and Nick and Frances Gerschutz, and a stepgrandfather, Clare Lichty.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A prayer service will take place tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

A funeral Mass will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, with Father Thomas E. Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions to the St. Michael's church renovation fund are preferred.

Pearl Meek

ANGOLA — Pearl Alice Meek, 83, died Monday at 4:40 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

An Angola resident all her adult life, she had worked as a meat wrapper at Van Wagner's Meat Market. She was a former member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

She was born Dec. 2, 1913, in Gilead, Mich., to Willard L. and Rosa M. (Deeds) Nutt. She married Raymond Meek, who preceded her in death in 1976.

She is survived by one son, Ronald Meek of Fremont; 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Meek and Raymond "Mort" Meek, both in 1980.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

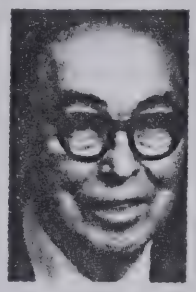
Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben Township, Steuben County.

Deaths/Funerals

Harold Murphy

GARRETT — Harold U. "Tim" Murphy, 85, died Tuesday at 4:13 a.m. in Rehab Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Murphy owned and operated bowling alleys in Winchester and Garrett. He managed Garrett Lanes from 1959 to 1971, purchasing the business in 1971 and changing its name to Garrett Bowl. He sold Garrett Bowl to his son, Ronald, in 1980. He also was a manager at bowling lanes in Fort Wayne, Huntington, Greenville, Ill., and Bluffton.


Murphy

He was a member of Zion United Church of Christ and the Moose and Elks lodges, all in Decatur, Garrett Eagles Lodge, and the Adams County American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

Mr. Murphy was born Feb. 4, 1911, in Adams County to the late Lewis W. and Clady E. (Woods) Murphy.

He married Virginia R. Miller on Oct. 15, 1934, in Covington, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, E. Ronald of Garrett and Terry L. of Fort Wayne; one brother, Lewis W. of Atoka, Tenn.; two sisters, Catherine Reidenbach of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Brewster of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Tim A.; one brother, Bill; and two sisters, Evea Hoffman and Tressella Murphy.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

A graveside service will take place Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Decatur Cemetery. Donald Brown of the Zion United Church of Christ will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to Wee Haven of Garrett or Zion United Church of Christ.

Velda Shull

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Velda I. Shull, 73, died Tuesday at 7:54 a.m. in Bryan Hospital, where she had been a patient for one day. She was in failing health for the past several months.

Mrs. Shull worked at the headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She previously worked at the Tri-Wall container factory in Butler for 18 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of the Hicksville Seventh Day Adventist Church on lived on Thiel Road, Hicksville.

She was born Feb. 5, 1923, in Hicksville to the late Clifford and Helen (Jackson) Weeks.

She married William Shull in 1964 in Mount Vernon, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Nutter of Johnston, Iowa; one daughter, Ruth Sattelmajer of Silver Springs, Md., one stepson, Richard Shill of Los Angeles; three brothers, Maurice Weeks of Elvarado, Texas, Wilbur Weeks of Hicksville and Waldo Weeks of Medina, Ohio; two sisters, Joan Markle of Hicksville and Sharon Miller of Bucyrus, Ohio; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandhildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Harold Ward officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scholarship Fund, Mount Vernon Academy, P.O. Box 311, Mount Vernon, OH 43050.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Linnie C. Gonser**, 64, died Tuesday at home. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert N. Weir**, 80, died Tuesday. Services are pending at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Richard Mast

LARWILL — Richard E. Mast, 55, died Tuesday at 6:49 p.m. in his Larwill home.

Mr. Mast was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as a commander of medical and transportation units. He retired as a major with 22 years of service. He was a member of the Columbia City Eagles Lodge.

He was born July 2, 1941, in Hamilton to the late Earl and Marjorie (Davis) Mast. His stepfather, Harley "Bert" Keller, survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three sons, Harley Richard Mast and Richard Francis Mast, both of Charleston, S.C., and Chris Mast of Tampa, Fla.; one daughter, Jennifer Canavan of Charleston; one brother, Mike Mast of Orland; and his fiancee, Collene Fluke, and her daughters, Melinda and Tonya Fluke, all of Larwill.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Steve Wagner of Hope Alive Church, Avilla, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to Fort Wayne Hospice, in care of Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Dorcas Brown

FORT WAYNE — Dorcas Brown, 89, died Tuesday in the Lutheran Home, Fort Wayne.

Miss Brown was a retired nurse and night supervisor at Lutheran Hospital for 36 years. She was a graduate of Lutheran School of Nursing and a member of South Wayne Baptist Church.

She was born Aug. 23, 1907, in Madison County.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, including Edna Dunkin.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne.

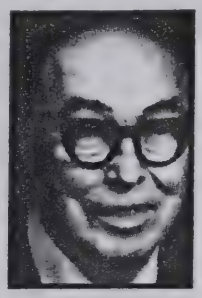
Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in South Wayne Baptist Church, 910 Cottage Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the juvenile probation department of Allen Superior Court, Room 208, Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne IN 46802.

Deaths/Funerals

Harold Murphy

GARRETT — Services for Harold U. "Tim" Murphy, 85, will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.


Murphy

A graveside service will take place Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Decatur Cemetery. Donald Brown of the Zion United Church of Christ will officiate.

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Mr. Murphy died Tuesday at 4:13 a.m. in Rehab Hospital of Fort Wayne.

He had owned and operated bowling alleys in Winchester and Garrett. He managed Garrett Lanes from 1959 to 1971, purchasing the business in 1971 and changing its name to Garrett Bowl. He sold Garrett Bowl to his son, Ronald, in 1980. He also was a manager at bowling lanes in Fort Wayne, Huntington, Greenville, Ill., and Bluffton.

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Mr. Murphy was born Feb. 4, 1911, in Adams County to the late Lewis W. and Clady E. (Woods) Murphy.

He married Virginia R. Miller on Oct. 15, 1934, in Covington, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, E. Ronald of Garrett and Terry L. of Fort Wayne; one brother, Lewis W. of Atoka, Tenn.; two sisters, Catherine Reidenbach of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Brewster of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Tim A.; one brother, Bill; and two sisters, Evea Hoffman and Tressella Murphy.

Memorial contributions may be given to Wee Haven of Garrett or Zion United Church of Christ.

Alreada Buehrer

AUBURN — Alreada Buehrer, 87, died Wednesday at 11:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had lived for 15 months.

She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Temple, Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 21, 1909, at Swan, in Noble County, to William Isaac Scott and Lydia A. (Richards) McCoy, who are deceased.

On Feb. 28, 1929, she married Joseph M. Buehrer in Albion. He preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1992.

She lived in Avilla until 1954, when she moved to Fort Wayne. She then lived in Fort Wayne until moving to Betz Nursing Home in 1995.

She is survived by two sons, Merton E. of Lake St. Louis, Mo., and Rance A. of Angola; a daughter, Audrey E. Halferty of New Haven; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two sisters, Ollie Weimer and Gladys Scheurich, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Paul Craig Paino of Calvary Temple, Fort Wayne, officiating.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Lions Eye Bank.

O. Fred Rhodes

AVILLA — O. Fred Rhodes, 88, died at 9 a.m. Wednesday in Irene Byron Health Center, near Huntertown.

He was born March 28, 1908, in LaOtto to George and Lula (Hunt) Rhodes. He married Mary Myer and she preceded him in death in 1969. He then married Anna Liebert, who preceded him in death in 1996.

Mr. Rhodes, a lifetime Noble County resident, retired from Noble County Co-op in 1971. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Surviving are a son, Lester Rhodes of Garrett; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Mary, of Huntertown.

A son, Roger, preceded him in death in 1968.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Friday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with a wake service at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church.

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John Myers

GARRETT — John W. Myers, 81, died today at 12:44 a.m. in his home on State Road 327 south of Garrett.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, and was a mechanic for Korte Brothers, Fort Wayne, before retiring in 1980 with 15 years' service.

A Garrett resident for 50 years, he was born Jan. 25, 1915 in Malinta, Ohio, to Orlo and Myrtle Myers, who are deceased.

On Nov. 9, 1940, he married Sylvia L. Wetoskey in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kenneth of Garrett; two daughters, Joanne S. Castle, of Phoenix and Debra A. Myers of Indianapolis; a brother, Arthur Myers of Lake Gage, Angola; two sisters, Annabelle Deuitch and Barbara Strock, both of Garrett; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Patty Lou Myers, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will take place at 3:30 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Tom Seidel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul charity.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert Norman Weir**, 80, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-6 p.m. today.

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Herbert Moore

PLEASANT LAKE — Herbert J. Moore, 81, died Tuesday at 8 p.m. in his Pleasant Lake home.

He was the owner of Moore's Hardware Store for 51 years. For eight years he served on the Steuben County Plan Commission, along with six years on the Steuben County Tax Adjustment Board, two years as a Friend of the Court and 15 years on the United Way board. He was a tax auditor for the state of Indiana and an income-tax preparer for 25 years. He also served as a Metropolitan School District of Steuben County bus driver for 17 years

Mr. Moore was a charter member of the Pleasant Lake Business Men's Association; a pioneer member of Pleasant Lake Lions Club for 35 years; a member of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club chorus and minstrel, Zollner Golf Club, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola.

He was born Nov. 28, 1915, in St. Louis to Vincent and Anna (Petersen) Moore. On April 28, 1944, he married Kathryn (Lyons) Moore. She preceded him in death on Oct. 8, 1990.

He is survived by two sons, Charles W. Moore of Pleasant Lake and Andrew J. Moore of Dayton, Ohio; one daughter, Ann Armey of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard Moore and Thomas Moore, both of St. Louis.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A prayer service will begin at 7:30 tonight in the funeral home.

A funeral Mass begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Pleasant Lake Lions Club and St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

William Masse

HUDSON — William L. Masse, 68, of rural Hudson, died at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in his residence.

He was born in Angola Dec. 1, 1928, to Victor and Arlene (Craun) Masse. His mother, Arlene Masse, survives in Angola.

Mr. Masse was a graduate of Detroit High School and Wayne State University, both in Detroit. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was the retired manager of Riviera County Club in California.

Surviving with his mother are two daughters, Ivy Masse of Seattle, Wash., and Debbie Benson of Illinois.

Preceding him in death are one son, Victor, in 1996; his father in 1970; and a half-sister, Eleanor Dittmer, in 1996.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, rural Steuben County.

Visitation is one hour before services on Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Deaths/Funerals

Georgia Karr

ANGOLA — Georgia B. Karr, 89, died Thursday at 10 p.m. in her Angola home.

Mrs. Karr played piano for Steuben County nursing homes and the Steuben County Rest Home. She had been the Business and Professional Woman of the Year and was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

She had been a bookkeeper for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, Auburn Automobile Co., and Lake Gage Marina.

She was born Oct. 13, 1907, in Garrett to Ora H. and Mary E. (Poppele) Bennett. On Aug. 16, 1930, she married Harry L. Karr. He preceded her in death Nov. 1, 1959.

She is survived by one son, Roger Karr of Paradise Lake, Mich.; one daughter, Karen Karr of Pleasant Lake; a companion, Albert Pryor of Angola; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home. The Rev. Thomas E. Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Humane Shelter, Cameron Home Health, and the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Martha Foster

GARRETT — A memorial service for Martha (Woodcox) Foster has been rescheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, Garrett.

A previous service scheduled for Thursday was canceled due to bad weather.

Foster died Jan. 4 in Arizona. She was a former Garrett resident.

William Masse

HUDSON — William L. Masse, 68, of rural Hudson, died at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in his residence.

He was born in Angola Dec. 1, 1928, to Victor and Arlene (Craun) Masse. His mother, Arlene Masse, survives in Angola.

Mr. Masse was a graduate of Detroit High School and Wayne University, both in Detroit. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was the retired manager of Riviera County Club in California.

Surviving with his mother are two daughters, Ivy Masse of Seattle, Wash., and Debbie Benson of Illinois; two sons, David and Danny, both of Venice, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are one son, Victor, in 1996; his father in 1970; and a half-sister, Eleanor Dittmer, in 1996.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, rural Steuben County.

Visitation is one hour before services on Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Esther Holmes

AUBURN — Esther M. Holmes, 51, died Saturday at 1:50 p.m. in Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, Coldwater, Ohio, where she had been a resident nine months.

She was a lifetime Auburn resident. She worked at Magnavox in Auburn and was also a nurses' aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for five years. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born July 27, 1945, in Auburn to the late Ronald C. and Eva B. Holmes.

Surviving are one son, James Keefer of Germany; two daughters, Lisa Walker of Kimmel and Kristine Kessler of Coldwater; three brothers, Ronald Holmes Jr. of Auburn, Robert Holmes of Syracuse, and James Holmes of Butler; two sisters, Hazelann Kimmel of Auburn and Diane McGee of Tulsa, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

One brother, Raymond Holmes, preceded her in death in 1953.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will take place Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mass will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Raymond Balzer officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church.

John Lint

BUTLER — John Theodore Lint, 83, died today at 2:20 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Lint was a self-employed carpenter and lived on North Canal Street in Butler. He was a former employee of Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne and the Butler Co. in Butler.

He was born Dec. 4, 1913, in Butler to the late Charles E. and Roxiena (Walters) Lint.

He married Florence Beard on March 14, 1934, in Waterloo and she died Dec. 24, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Richard and Ralph, both of Auburn; two daughters, Carolyn Strawn of Butler and Darlene Jackemeyer of Auburn; one brother, Thomas J. of Mount Vernon, Ill., 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Five brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or SpectraCare of DeKalb.

Velma Bickel

ASHLEY — Velma O. Bickel, 90, died at 11:55 a.m. Saturday in Life Care Center, LaGrange.

She was born July 20, 1906, in Flint in Steuben County to George and Mercy (Van Pelt) Kunce. On Jan. 14, 1926, in LaGrange, she married Cary Bickel. He preceded her in death Oct. 12, 1991.

Mrs. Bickel, a homemaker, was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church. She had lived in Angola prior to moving to Ashley.

Her only survivors are nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 3-6 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Heart Association.

Dorothy Snyder

ANGOLA — Dorothy Snyder, 80, died Saturday at 9:21 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola

Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker and a volunteer with the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, Parkview Hospital Auxiliary and the Allen County Cancer Society. She was a member of Lake George Lutheran Church.

She was born April 21, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Eldon and Millie (Schimelfenning) Hathaway. In 1992, she married Homer Snyder. He survives her in Angola.

She is also survived by two sons, David Bellinger of Louisville, Ky., and Douglas Klopfenstien of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Larry Snyder of Hudson and Bill Snyder of Garrett; one daughter, Dianne German of Angola; two stepdaughters, Cindy Snyder of Hudson and Beverly Holmes of Auburn; two brothers, Lester Hathaway and Richard Hathaway, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a husband, Chalmers Battenburg; and a brother, Paul Hathaway.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Pastor Donald E. Rauhut will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be made to Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

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Ruth Harnish

BUTLER — Ruth K. Harnish, 99, died Saturday at noon in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was a former employee of Rieke Corp. in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 21, 1897, in Auburn to the late David and Ada (Clark) Krider.

Her first husband, Earl Shull, died in 1923. Her second husband, Webb Harnish, died in 1941.

Surviving are seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Burgess Shull and Wayne Krider Shull; one daughter, Dorothy Pleitt; three brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Pickard of the Corunna Community Church officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Corunna Community Church.

Cleal Wesner

GARRETT — Cleal R. Wesner, 79, died Saturday in Moore Regional Hospital at Pinehurst, N.C.

Mr. Wesner was a truck repairman and union steward at International Harvester in Fort Wayne from 1945 to 1964. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and Garrett American Legion. He lived in Carthage, N.C., and was a former Garrett resident.

He was born Feb. 10, 1917, in Hamler, Ohio, to the late William A. and Ada V (Fackler) Wesner.

He married Carmela L. Fabrizio on Oct. 1, 1945, in Trenton, N.J., and she died Aug. 3, 1988.

Surviving are one son, Robert Wesner of Carthage, N.C.; one daughter, Joyce Wesner of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Bill Dunfee officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with graveside military rites by the Garrett American Legion.

Memorial donations may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Demaris Allison

AUBURN — Demaris J. Allison, 74, of Auburn, died Monday at 8 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, where she had lived for eight years.

Mrs. Allison was a homemaker and a graduate of Auburn High School and the Sherwood School of Music. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and was active with the church building committee and children's choir. She was an active den mother with the Cub Scouts and a member of Tri Kappa sorority, the Auburn Ladies Literary Guild, the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild, Greenhurst Country Club, and the Auburn P.E.O.

She was born May 24, 1922 in Auburn, to Arthur and Harriet (Seery) Hardy, now deceased.

On June 25, 1949, she married Kenneth E. Allison in Auburn. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1988.

She is survived by one son, Kevin H. Allison of Auburn; one daughter, Kris Gallagher of Auburn; three brothers, Eldon Hardy of Auburn, Roger Hardy of Avilla, and Dean Hardy of Allegan, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Sarah and Laura Allison and Brian and Peter Gallagher.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. J. Wilbur Yates officiating. Friends may call Wednesday from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in the Auburn Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church or the donor's favorite charity.

Beverly Mansfield

ST. JOE — Beverly J. Mansfield, 63, of St. Joe, died Monday at 1:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mansfield was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, and worked at the former St. Joe Restaurant for 20 years.

She was born June 24, 1933 in St. Joe to Floyd and Mary (Armstrong) Ridgway, now deceased.

On March 24, 1951, she married William Mansfield in Angola. He survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are five sons, Jerry (and wife Melberne) of Bowie, Md., John of Auburn, Michael (and wife Tammy) Mansfield of St. Joe, Mark of Fort Wayne, and Brian of St. Joe; a daughter, Brenda (and husband Curt) Vinson of St. Joe; and four grandchildren.

Two brothers, Robert and Russell, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Row of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, officiating.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, or the family.

Dylan Skeer

FREMONT — Dylan Palmer Skeer, 11-day-old daughter of Tom and Lisa Skeer of Quantico, Va., died Thursday at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. She was born Dec. 30 in Fort Belvoir, Va.

Along with her parents, she is survived by one sister, Cara Allison; maternal grandparents, Don and Kay Smith and Jim and Vera Meagher, all of Fremont; and paternal grandparents, John and Penny Savard of Mason, N.H., and Nick and Jean Skeer of San Jose, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Bailey Skeer, and great-grandparents.

Graveside services took place at 1:30 p.m. today at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont. Chaplain Dan Gard officiated. Arrangements were made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Helen Bunch

AUBURN — Helen F. Bunch, 54, died Sunday in home in Auburn.

She was born July 26, 1942, in Winslow, to Nathaniel and Mable (Richardson) Corn. She married Clarence G. Bunch Sr., and he survives.

Mrs. Bunch moved to Auburn from Fort Wayne in November 1996. She was a homemaker and member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Kelly D. Earle of Kendallville, Larry J. Earle of Kokomo, and Clarence G. Bunch Jr., at home; a daughter, Michele R. Heaton of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Joe Lee Corn and John Corn, both of Winslow, and Bill Corn of Rhode Island; two sisters, Alice Atkins of Oakland City, and Dalie Coleman of Belpen; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David J. Corn.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 U.S. 30 East, New Haven, with the Rev. Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, New Haven.

Visitation is Wednesday from 9 a.m. until services in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Franklin Parsons

FREMONT — Franklin Parsons, 76, died Monday at 8 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He was retired from the Indiana State Highway Department.

He was born Nov. 22, 1920, in Kosciusko County to George and Winafred (Eagles) Parsons.

He is survived by his companion, Doris Solliday of Fremont; and a cousin, Hugh Parsons.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with visitation one hour before services. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in Byers Cemetery, Syracuse.

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Richard Ludeman

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Richard Ludeman, 53, of Montgomery, died Sunday at Hillsdale Community Health Center, Hillsdale, Mich.

He was a farmer and member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake.

He was born Sept. 29, 1943, in Napoleon, Ohio, to Paul and Lorna (Holers) Ludeman. His father survives in Montgomery.

He married Helena (Schutz) Ludeman. She survives him in Montgomery.

He is also survived by a sister, Linda Bonar of Hillsboro, Ore.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church. Pastor Kenneth Redmann will officiate. Burial will be in Berg Cemetery, Montgomery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Clear Lake Lutheran Church in care of the Ludemans.

David Foster

ELLENTON, Fla. — David K. Foster, 59, died Sunday at his Ellenton home.

A former Fremont resident, he had worked for 33 years at Moore Business Forms, Angola.

He was born Jan. 30, 1937, in Fremont to Wade and Mildred (Penner) Foster. His father survives him in Fremont.

His wife, Judy (Brown) Foster, survives him in Florida.

He also is survived by three daughters, Lori Harris of Wadsworth, Ohio, Kimberly Dunn of Angola, and Cindy Gilbertson of Monroe, Wis.; one son, Michael Foster of Monroe, Wis.; one brother, Jerry Foster of Fremont; one sister, Janet (and husband, Warren) Hankes of Fremont; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Foster, in 1996.

Family services were conducted Monday in Florida. Arrangements were made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Richard Bireley

HAMILTON — Richard R. Bireley, 50, died Saturday at 6:30 a.m. in Cape Coral, Fla.

Mr. Bireley was a retired co-owner of Clark's Landing Marina in Hamilton with 30 years of service. He was a lifetime Hamilton resident, and served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a member of St Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo, and a former member of the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born Aug. 19, 1946, in Fort Wayne to the late Edward M. and Mary (Chomey) Bireley.

Surviving are his wife, Linda (Friend) Bireley; two daughters, Kimberly Ann Cool and Mindy Rene Bireley, both of Hamilton; two brothers, Dennis and Jack E., both of Hamilton; one sister, Carol Sines of Defiance, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Myileigh Cool and Adam Cool.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with calling after 9 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the church, the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department or the Steuben County Heart Association.

Philip Drerup

AUBURN — A memorial Mass for Philip M. Drerup will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. The Rev. Raymond Balzer and the Rev. Mark Gurtner will be co-celebrants.

Visitation with the family will take place Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday after 10 a.m. in the church hospitality room. A prayer service will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Drerup, 42, died Dec. 25 at his Jackson Township home. He was born Jan. 17, 1954, in Auburn.

Surviving are his mother, Margaret; 10 brothers and sisters; 12 nieces and nephews; and his uncles and aunts, Gerry and Esther Souder, and Joe and Fara Lee Baidinger.

Father Gary Sigler officiated at a Dec. 28 service in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with cremation later at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Youth For Christ, the YMCA of DeKalb County, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Phyllis L. Ferguson**, 69, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

HUNTERTOWN — **Betty (Hayden) Ordas**, 78, died Sunday. Memorial services Thursday in Norwood, Mo.

Deaths/Funerals

Berneice Read

BUTLER — Berneice G. Read, 84, died Tuesday at 1:45 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Read formerly worked at Hunsicer's Dime Store and In Fashion dress shop, both in Butler. She lived in Butler most of her life, and lived in Waterloo for five years.

She was a member of the Butler Eagles Lodge, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Butler American Legion Post 202 Auxiliary.

She was born June 6, 1912, in DeKalb County to the late William and Bertha (Lowe) Stuller. Her husband, Cecil Read, died in 1976.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Marie Rose of Brunswick, Maine, and Darrell and Joan Rose of Belton, Mo.; one brother, Bernard Stuller of Waterloo, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One brother, Ralph, and one sister, Opal Pauline, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Fred Alexander
Madonna Alexander

MISHAWAKA — Fred D. Alexander, 80, and Madonna P. Alexander, 79, died Monday at their residence.

The couple were married March 6, 1935, and were former Jay County residents.

Mr. Alexander was a printer for Metal Building Review Publishing in Edwardsburg, Mich. He was a member of Forrest Lodge 239, F.& A.M., in Butler, Scottish Rite in South Bend, Grange 2109 in Hamilton, and White Shrine 25 in Kendallville. He was born Dec. 28, 1916, in Jay County to the late Charles and Jessie (Brumbaugh) Alexander.

Mrs. Alexander was a homemaker and member of Eastern Star 44 in Butler, Grange 2109 in Hamilton, and White Shrine 25 in Kendallville. She was born March 1, 1917, in Jay County to the late John R. and Mae Cleo (Freemyer) Davis.

Surviving are two sons, Alan of Angola and Thomas of Granger; three daughters, Sonya Cameron of Defiance, Ohio, and Lynn Kaiser and Ann Vose, both of Butler; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Alexander also is survived by one brother, Bob Davis of Portland.

Memorial services will be conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, with the Rev. Ivan Steed officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Memorial services also will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in Albright United Methodist Church, Mishawaka.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Edmund Sweeney Sr.

ANGOLA — Edmund Collins Sweeney Sr., 89, died Monday at 5:38 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sweeney had worked at the Bear Brand National Hosiery plant in Kankakee, Ill., for 20 years, often motoring to and from work in a speed boat. He retired from the General Foods plant, where he was responsible for the Green Cross Safety program as maintenance engineer.

Mr. Sweeney played a Montana Silver Bell banjo and was a member of the Ross Milk Band for 10 years. He had been an active participant in activities and school meetings at Prairie Heights High School since it was built. In 1996, the school planetarium was named the Edmund C. and Hazel J. Sweeney Sr. Planetarium in honor of Mr. Sweeney and his late wife. He was a member of the Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo.

He was born Jan. 31, 1907, in Kankakee to Edmund C. and Lena (Babcock) Sweeney.

He was married for 63 years to Hazel (Overton) Sweeney, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by one son, Edmund C. Sweeney Jr., of Angola; three daughters, Colleen Bennett of Austin, Texas, Willa Wilson of Osawatomie, Kan., and Anita Richey of Des Moines, Iowa; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at the Mongo United Methodist Church, Mongo.

A funeral service will begin at 8 tonight at the church. The Rev. Jim Bartlett will officate.

Calling is scheduled for Friday in Clancy Funeral Home at Kankakee. Graveside services and burial will take place in Mound Grove Cemetery, Kankakee, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Mongo United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Hazel A. Garman**, 77, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today and one hour before services.

CHURUBUSCO — **The Rev. Gerald C. Bricker**, 75, died Monday. Arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Keith E. "Pete" Jahn**, 69, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 3-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Eileen Boyd

AUBURN — Eileen L. Boyd, 76, died Wednesday at 1:50 a.m. in Regency Place Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1970 from RAW Printing Co. with four years of service. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and lived on County Road 11-A.

She was born Dec. 11, 1920, in Fort Wayne to the late Edwin and Viola (Miller) Knipstein.

She married Frank J. Carboni in February 1941 and he died in August 1969. She married Wayne Boyd in February 1971 and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Carboni and Michael Carboni, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Judy V. Carboni of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Paul Knipstein and Fred Knipstein, both of Lakewood, Colo., and Edwin Knipstein of Tri-Lakes, Columbia City; one sister, Thelma Bledsoe of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Richard Kraus, associate pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Fort Wayne.

Robert Brown

GARRETT — Robert W. Brown, 70, died Wednesday at 1:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was retired after working for the DeKalb County Highway Department, a railroad section gang, Yoder Ready Mix Co. of Auburn, and Burtzner & Wilhelm Gravel Co. in Swan. He was a Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1892.

Mr. Brown was born Jan. 10, 1927, in Mark Center, Ohio, to the late Clarence and Mabel (Jump) Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Alice (Porter) Brown; two stepsons, Jackie Porter of Butler and Alfred L. Porter Jr. of Garrett; one brother, Ralph Brown of Waterloo; one half-brother, William Clark of Churubusco; one sister, Mary Watkins of Flint, Ind.; nine grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ercal Tuto and Anna Mae Brown, and one brother, Wilbur.

Private family services will be held Saturday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Donald Greenawalt

FORT WAYNE — Donald H. Greenawalt, 74, died Wednesday at his home on Tonkel Road, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greenawalt was retired from K&G Machine of Fort Wayne as a tool-and-die maker. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Cannon Company 405th Infantry Regiment. He was a member of Garrett Masonic Lodge 537.

He was born June 15, 1922, in Mansfield, Ohio, to the late Lloyd and Nellie (Reynolds) Greenawalt.

He married Helen June Ross on July 4, 1952, in Garrett, and she died Sept. 5, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Marston Charles of Fort Wayne and Ross DeWayne of Muncie; one brother, Wilber of Greenwich, Ohio; and two sisters, Helen Wells of Ashland, Ohio, and Martha Reed of Garrett.

Services will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor Bill Dunfee and members of the Garrett Masonic Lodge will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Evening Star, Thurs., Jan. 16, 1997 (cont'd)

Elizabeth Mallen

ANGOLA — Elizabeth H. Mallen, 84, died Monday at 6:15 a.m. at her home in Angola.

She graduated from Angola High School in 1930; from DePauw University in 1935; and from Columbia University with a master's degree in library science in 1936. She worked for the U.S. Steel Co., New York, as a librarian, and was owner and publisher of the Westchester Law Journal.

She was a member of Psi Iota Xi-Rho Chapter, Angola, and the United Methodist Church, New Rochelle, N.Y.

She was born Feb. 28, 1912, in Angola to Almon and Estelle (Drummond) Harshman. In 1939, she married Frank Mallen and became a homemaker and mother. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1960.

She is survived by one son, Frank Mallen of Lake Jackson, Texas; two daughters, Anne Reitz of Angola and Jane Baker of Diamond Bar, Calif.; one sister, Winifred McHoes of Angola; and six grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Helen Virginia Harshman.

Friends may call Friday from 10-11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. James Butler will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Merritt Boyer

ANGOLA — Merritt D. Boyer, 89, died Wednesday at 5:50 a.m. at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Boyer attended Helmer School; graduated from Salem Center High School; attended DePauw University; and graduated from Ball State University. He taught from 1928-1931 at Metz High School. He then became a district parole officer in the Division of Corrections for the state of Indiana.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He completed the primary and advanced counter intelligence schools, and was made a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps, serving four years, with one year in North Africa.

After his military service, he worked for the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, Indianapolis, where he was in charge of veterans training programs in DeKalb, Steuben, LaGrange and Noble counties. In 1948, he accepted an appointment at Tri-State University as secretary of the board, secretary of the college and business manager. In 1961, he returned to his favorite vocation, teaching at Ashley High School. He retired from the DeKalb Central School Corp. in 1972.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars, Angola Masonic Lodge 236 and the Scottish Rite; a 30-year member of Angola Moose Lodge; and served 10 years on the Steuben County Selective Service Board. He attended Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Boyer was born March 19, 1907, in Steuben County to Adam and Blanche (Conrad) Boyer, now deceased.

He married Katherine E. (Huser) Boyer. She survives him.

He is also survived by two stepsons, Wallace Liechty of Dugger and Michael Liechty of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Katy G. Boyer, on March 9, 1961.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. The Rev. Howard Compton will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Military graveside rites will be performed by the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Delores Western**, 67, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **The Rev. Gerald C. Bricker**, 75, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Sugar Grove Church of God. Calling 2-8 p.m. Sunday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services on Monday at the church.

LAGRANGE — **Anthony J. Kucinich**, 80, died Tuesday. Memorial services at 7 p.m. Monday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Anstett

PLEASANT LAKE — Donald Anstett died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Imogene Johnson

ANGOLA — Imogene Johnson, 82, died Thursday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola. Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Pauline Shoup

ANGOLA — Pauline Shoup, 79, died this morning at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola. Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Ronald Martz

YODER — Ronald K. Martz, 58, of Yoder, died Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A lifetime Allen County resident, Mr. Martz was a forklift operator for Dana Corp. for 33 years, retiring in 1996.

Surviving are his wife, Linda J.; his father, William E. Martz of Ossian; two daughters, Tamera Martz of Garrett, and Teri Ann Emberton of Angola; five sons, Timothy Martz of Garrett, Ronnie Millington of Huntington, Larry Millington of Kendallville, Kevin Marquiss of Plainfield and Brian Swanson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four sisters, Helen Hamilton and Dianne Miller, both of Roanoke, and Betty Neeley and Donna Ditton, both of Huntington; two brothers, Ralph Martz and David Martz, both of Roanoke; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, Huntington.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Heartland Health Care.

Area Deaths

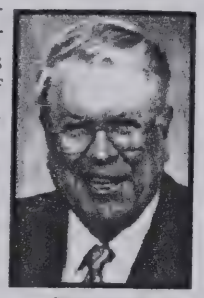
COLUMBIA CITY — **Leonard E. Pence**, 76, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Clabaugh

GARRETT — Donald A. Clabaugh, 77, died Thursday at 7 p.m. in his West King Street home.

Mr. Clabaugh was a yard conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1982. He was the treasurer and local chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Local 724 in Fort Wayne. He also was a member of the U.T.U. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, a Purple Heart recipient, and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion. He attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett.



Clabaugh

He was born Oct. 28, 1919, in Garrett to Arthur H. and Trella (Priser) Clabaugh, who are deceased.

He married Margaret McLaughlin on Jan. 8, 1944, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she died Jan. 18, 1979.

On March 22, 1984, he married Marcella VanLear Zerns in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Connie Clabaugh and Darlene Clabaugh, both of Fort Wayne, and Mary Schoenle of New Haven; two sons, Larry Clabaugh of New Haven and Denny Clabaugh of Hamilton; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Kenneth Clabaugh, and a sister, Doris Walters, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer and Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of Christ, the Diabetes Association or Masses.

Gladys Carper

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Gladys E. Carper, 102, of Carolina Terrace, Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 26, 1996.

She was born in Jackson Township and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit. She was a member of the Macabees and a life member of the Kenner Rehobeth Lodge, both in Garrett.

She was the president emeritus of the J. and J. Club and the Wednesday Night Social Club in Detroit.

She is survived by a daughter, Cleo Kent of Virginia Beach; a grandson, Rexford C. Kent and his wife, Mary, of Norfolk, Va.; a great-granddaughter, Diane Jones and her husband, Mark, of Virginia Beach; two great-great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Velma Gerig and Donna Mitchener of Auburn.

Funeral services and entombment took place Monday, Dec. 30, in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel, Virginia Beach, with the Rev. Warren Williams officiating.

Smith and Williams Funeral Home, Kempsville Chapel, Virginia Beach, was in charge of arrangements.

Zelma Stantz

BUTLER — Zelma C. Stantz, 76, of Butler, died Friday morning at the Laurels of DeKalb health care center in Butler.

A homemaker, she was born July 8, 1920, in Butler to Lott and Dora (Healy) Oberlin, who are deceased.

On Feb. 7, 1943, she married Donald Stantz in Butler, and he survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three grandsons, David Nelson of Fremont, Brian Nelson of Hamilton and Rick Nelson of Coldwater, Mich.; a granddaughter, Chris Ross of Fremont; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bessie Bacon of Butler.

A daughter, Judith Nelson, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m., at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Imogene Johnson

ANGOLA — Imogene F. Johnson, 82, of Angola, died Thursday at 9 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a telephone operator and service representative for General Telephone and Electric Co., retiring in 1972. She was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born April 9, 1914, in Kinderhook, Mich., to Ray and Esther (Rich) Fritz, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Francis L. "John" Johnson II of Angola; three grandchildren, Larry, Samm and Desiree; and a great-grandchild, Corey.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William Fritz and Hugh Fritz, and five sisters, Leah Wells, Olive Thrush, Margaret Clark, Mariam Fritz and Audra Hurd.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place Tuesday in 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Evening Star, Sat., Jan. 18, 1997 (cont'd)

Donald Anstett

PLEASANT LAKE — Donald Lee Anstett, 71, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday at 12:25 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Anstett was a member of the Steuben Township Fire Department for 52 years and served as fire chief for 10 years. He was a trustee of the cemetery board and a member of the Angola International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 180, Rebekah Lodge No. 35, the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Indiana Firefighters Association.

He was a self-employed contractor, a bus driver for 38 1/2 years for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, the fourth-generation owner of Lake Concrete Products, sexton of Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, and Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, and driver of the Tri-State bus for 11 years.

He was born April 10, 1925, in Pleasant Lake to Gail W. and Mildred (Johnson) Anstett, who preceded him in death.

On Dec. 21, 1947, he married Dorothy (Zitzman) Anstett, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Steven Anstett of Pleasant Lake, Robert Anstett of Pleasant Lake, and Harold "Butch" Anstett Haifley of Pleasant Lake; one daughter, Cindy Anstett of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; four sisters, Marietta Agner of Angola and Rock Ledge, Fla., Eloise Wisner of Angola, Donna Ogalsbee Russell of Wabash, and Doretta Souders of Columbia City.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, where an Odd Fellows service will begin at 7 p.m.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and Father Frank Kilclin officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben Township Fire Department, in care of Dorothy Anstett.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Mary Louise Swenson**, 88, of Cromwell, died Friday. Memorial services at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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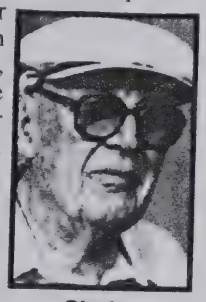
Deaths/Funerals

Lee Shafer

HAMILTON — Lee D. Shafer, 90, died today at 3:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Shafer owned and operated Signs by Shafer Co. in Auburn for 73 years, until 1995. He also worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Garrett for 44 years, retiring in 1972. He lived in Hamilton and formerly lived in Auburn.



Shafer

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett, a charter member of the Bassmasters Club in Auburn, and a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 28, 1906, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Albert and Rena (Tustison) Shafer.

His first wife, Helen Smalley Shafer, died in 1947. His second wife, Gladys Smith Shafer, died in 1974.

Surviving are one son, Jack of Omaha, Neb.; one daughter, Sally Kelly of Auburn; five grandchildren, Matthew and Samuel Shafer, Scott and Mike Smith, and Jennifer Trevino; and four great-grandchildren, Jackson Shafer, Abigail Trevino, and Alex and Logan Smith.

One son, Richard, and one brother, Loren, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry of First Baptist Church, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn Lions Club Little League Program.

Maxine Studebaker

SPENCERVILLE — Maxine E. Studebaker, 75, died Sunday evening at Laurels of DeKalb health care center in Butler.

Mrs. Studebaker was a Spencerville resident for 40 years. She was a member and past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Spencerville Chapter 386, and belonged to the Spencerville United Methodist Church. She retired in 1985 from Grabill Cabinet Co.

She was born Nov. 23, 1921, in Huntington to the late Emmanuel and Florence (Bennett) Hiers.

She married Harold Studebaker on March 11, 1946, in Angola, and he died May 7, 1989.

Surviving are three sons, Michael D. of Spencerville, Thomas K. of Waterloo, and Steven K. of Auburn; two brothers, Harold Hiers of Goblesville, Ind., and Jerry Hiers of St. Louis; one sister, Margaret Stomberg of St. Joe; two grandsons, Jeffrey Studebaker of St. Joe and Brandon Studebaker of Auburn; two granddaughters, Diane Studebaker and Deborah Studebaker, both of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Brittany Studebaker, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Hiers and Glenn Hiers; and three sisters, Mildred Keifer, Marjorie Studebaker and Mary Ellen Dirr.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. An Eastern Star service will be conducted Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Leonard Shaffer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Ralph Smith

ANGOLA — Ralph Smith, 84, died Saturday at 4 p.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Smith was retired from farming in Fairfield and Grant townships of DeKalb County and was a former member of the Fairfield Cemetery Board. He lived in Angola.

He was born July 10, 1912, in Fairfield Township to the late Alvin F. and Vesta B. (Stomm) Smith.

He married Helen Miles on Dec. 11, 1935, in Auburn, and she died March 13, 1990.

Surviving is one brother, Dale of Fremont.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Quentin Miller

ANGOLA — Quentin E. Miller, 92, died Friday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He had worked as a mechanic at Johnson Motors in Waukegan, Ill.

Mr. Miller was born April 9, 1904, in Kosciusko County to Emmett and Demaris (Tennett) Miller. He married Rilla (Flexman) Miller. She preceded him in death on Dec. 4, 1990.

He is survived by two nieces, Jan Heller of Chandler, Texas, and Suzanne Derck of Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be at Strang Funeral Home, Antioch, Ill. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Antioch.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Evening Star, Thur., Jan. 20, 1997 (cont'd)

Ethel Rodebaugh

AUBURN — Ethel Mae Rodebaugh, 71, died Saturday at 12:05 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was employed at Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1985. She also worked for the former Auburn Rubber Co. She was a 1943 graduate of Auburn High School and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born May 13, 1925, in Rankin, Ill., to the late Earl and Jessie Mae (Stamp) Webb.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Linda Rodebaugh of Auburn; two grandchildren, Lisa Schilling and Lori Rodebaugh; and two great-grandchildren, Emily and Logan Schilling.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will take place tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Richard Urbine will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Riley Hospital for Children.

Pauline Shoup

ANGOLA — Pauline Shoup, 79, died Friday at 7:15 a.m. Friday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1918, in Angola to Guy and Melba (Headly) Kope. On Feb. 1, 1935, she married Roy L. Shoup and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on April 6, 1985.

She is survived by her mother, Melba Kope of Angola; two daughters, Carolyn Jordan and Marilyn Smith, both of Angola; one brother, Ronald Kope of Anoka, Minn.; two sisters, Opal Beekman and Willa Davis, both of Angola; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchldren.

She also was preceded in death by her father, Guy Kope; and three brothers, Donald, Gaylord and Gordon.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Angola Church of the Nazarene.

Esther Close

PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Esther L. Close, 79, died Friday at Columbia Regional Medical Center at Bayonet Point in Hudson, Fla.

Mrs. Close was a homemaker and a former Garrett resident, moving to Port Richey in 1993. She was born in Auburn. She was a member of Beacon Community Church in New Port Richey, Fla., and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Surviving are her husband, LeRoy B. Close; two sons, David of Moss Beach, Calif., and Steven of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one daughter, Karen Hundley of New Port Richey; one brother, Carl Nagle of Carmel; two sisters, Mildred Close and Ruth Strahm, both of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Dobies Funeral Home, New Port Richey.

Services will take place Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Beacon Community Church, with burial in East Elfers Cemetery, New Port Richey.

Bessie Allen

ANGOLA — Bessie M. Allen, 92, died Friday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She had worked as a cook at Tri-State University and Elmhurst Hospital. She was a member of Angola Christian Church.

She was born March 14, 1905, in Mystic, Iowa, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Jeffery. On March 24, 1928, she married John Allen. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1985.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Householder of Angola and Joyce Stanfield of Atlanta; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren and one step-great-great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by one son and three sisters.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. James D. Saunders will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Angola Christian Church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Maude F. Keister**, 94, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ellen "Lucy" Barton**, 75, died Friday. Services Wednesday in War, W.Va.

KENDALLVILLE — **Judy Young**, 59, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville. Calling 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lee Shafer

HAMILTON — Lee D. Shafer, 90, died today at 3:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Shafer owned and operated Signs by Shafer Co. in Auburn for 73 years, until 1995. He also worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Garrett for 44 years, retiring in 1972. He lived in Hamilton and formerly lived in Auburn. He lived in Garrett for 20 years.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett, a charter member of the Bassmasters Club in Auburn, and a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 28, 1906, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Albert and Rena (Tustison) Shafer.

His first wife, Helen Smalley Shafer, died in 1947. His second wife, Gladys Smith Shafer, died in 1974. He married his third wife, Dorothy, on Dec. 3, 1976, and she survives.

Surviving are one son, Jack of Omaha, Neb.; one daughter, Sally Kelly of Auburn; five grandchildren, Matthew and Samuel Shafer, Scott and Mike Smith, and Jennifer Trevino; and four great-grandchildren, Jackson Shafer, Abigail Trevino, and Alex and Logan Smith.

One son, Richard, and one brother, Loren, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry of First Baptist Church, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn Lions Club Little League Program.

James Stephenson

AUBURN — James Roy Stephenson, 92, died Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where he had lived for 13 months.

Mr. Stephenson was a machinist from 1927 to 1949 at General Electric Co., Fort Wayne. He retired in 1970 as a custodian for the Norwalk, Calif., school district. He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church and DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F. & A.M.

He was born Aug. 28, 1904, in Albion to the late James T. and Etta (Busz) Stephenson.

His first wife, Marcella Miller Stephenson, died in 1963. He married Mildred M. Surface on Nov. 28, 1970, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jerry of Whittier, Calif., one daughter, Lu Anne Russell of Sun City, Calif.; one stepson, William Hefty of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Peggy Schurr of Auburn; one sister, Helen Haycook of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

One sister, Irene, and one brother, Arthur, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A lodge service will be conducted Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling also will take place Sunday in California, with burial Monday in Little Lake Cemetery in Santa Fe Springs, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Meese Chapel church.

Lynn McConnell

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lynn C. McConnell, 63, died Monday afternoon in V.A. Hospital in Indianapolis. He had been ill since 1983.

He was born May 20, 1933, in Butler to Delos and Avana (Mock) McConnell. His parents survives in Waterloo. On June 15, 1963, in Butler, he married Lila Kandel. She also survives.

Mr. McConnell moved from Butler to Wolcottville eight years ago. He retired from Universal Tool in Butler after 30 years of service. He was a Korean War veteran and was a member of the Butler American Legion Post.

Surviving with his wife and parents are three daughters, Connie Smith of Auburn, Lillian Sanders of Wolcottville, and Debra McConnell of Wolcottville; a sister, Rita Howe of Florida; a brother, Marvin McConnell of Hamilton; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald McConnell, in December 1995.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Roy Protsman of Auburn Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Tues., Jan. 21, 1997 (cont'd)

Louis Naltner

FORT WAYNE — Louis J. Naltner, 66, died Sunday at 3:15 p.m. in Woodview Healthcare Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Naltner retired in 1993 after 15 years in sales at Mossberg Industries. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, and lived in Fort Wayne for 30 years.

He was born Oct. 29, 1930, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Louis and Nan Naltner.

He married Rosalie "Sallie" Oehler on July 30, 1960, in St. Vivian's Church in Cincinnati, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Scott of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Lois Witte of Fort Thomas, Ky.

Friends may call Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. Father George Kaminski will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic.

Cornelius Longardner

FORT WAYNE — Cornelius J. Longardner, 71, died Monday in his home in Fort Wayne.

A Spencerville native, he was a retired crane operator for Slater Steels Corp. in 1989 after 39 years. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria; his mother, Ursie Longardner of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kathleen Jones of Butler; two sons, Barry L. Longardner and Brian L. Longardner, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Ned Jay Longardner of Churubusco, and Ralph Howard Longardner of LaOtto; four sisters, Violet Sefferneck of Garrett, Betty Myers of Avilla, Doris Wittbrodt of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and Virginia Shoppell of Avilla; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Burial will in be Highland Park Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Herald R. Knepper**, 86, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Sparta United Church of Christ, Kimmell. Calling 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

KENDALLVILLE — **Norman "Knute" Galloway**, 83, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Jeannette S. Wainwright**, 101, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **James H. Riordan**, 84, died Monday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ralph F. Squires**, 80, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Miller

LAKEWORTH, Fla. — Robert D. Miller, 75, died Monday at 5:12 p.m. in JFK Medical Center in Atlantis, Fla.

He was owner and president of Bob Miller Ford in Waterloo from 1960 to 1980. He was also owner and president of Bob Miller Sales Inc. in Hicksville, Ohio, from 1970 to 1975. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. He lived in Lakeworth, Fla., and was a former Waterloo resident.

Mr. Miller was a charter member of Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6572. He was a lifetime member of Lakeworth Eagles Arie 3694 and B.P.O. Elks 1530 in Lakeworth. He was also a member of Mahi Shrine Temple in Florida, American Legion Post 409 in Leo, Scottish Rite in Key West, Fla., Palm Beach Shrine Club, and Loyal Order of the Moose 994 in Green Acres, Fla.

He was born Dec. 16, 1921, in Middletown, Ohio, to the late Robert L. and Viola J. Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; five sons, Robert L. of Fort Wayne, Joseph P. of Auburn, John D. of Grabill, and Kevin Welker and Kirby Welker, both of Butler; one daughter, JoAnn Clifford of Middletown; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Evansport Cemetery in Evansport, Ind.

Coy Berkes

KENDALLVILLE — Coy C. Berkes, 88, a resident of Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, died at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She had been seriously ill two weeks.

She was born in Kimmell Feb. 29, 1908, to John L. and Mina (Heltzel) Crothers. On June 30, 1928, in Avilla, she married Walter H. Berkes. He preceded her in death June 16, 1993.

A homemaker, Mrs. Berkes was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville and its Ladies Aid.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Herbert (Nelda) Hoffman of Wolcottville; a sister, Mrs. Frank (Martha) Rhodes of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Christine Hanna of Goshen, Dawn Ruff of Angola, Laurie Hetrick of Rome City, and Andrew Hoffman of Camby; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday in Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Kevin Loughran officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 3:30-8 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour before services Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Messiah Lutheran Church building fund or Shepherd of the Hill chapel fund.

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Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth Miller

HOWE — Kenneth E. Miller, 61, of Howe, died at 12:45 a.m. Wednesday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

He was born in Fremont Nov. 16, 1935, to Elmer R. and Beulah (Cope) Miller. On July 20, 1957, in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, he married Toby Blasius. She survives.

Mr. Miller worked at Duo-Therm in LaGrange for 25 years before retiring in 1986 on disability.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Terry (Denise) Holtz of Sturgis, Mich., and Mrs. Dearl (Dawn) Melton of Howe; a son, Dennis C. Miller of Angola; a sister, Mrs. Wesley (Sharon) Simpson of Howe; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held Friday with the Rev. Philip Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Visitation is from 5:30-8:30 p.m. today in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Preferred memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **David L. Gilbert**, 66, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Friday.

MERRIAM — **E. Virginia Johnson**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Meeks Mortuary, Muncie, with calling there 2-9 p.m. Friday and one hour before services on Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Perry Pugh

BUTLER — Perry I. Pugh, 87, died Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb health care center in Butler.

Mr. Pugh was a retired Wilmington Township farmer. He attended the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Oct. 2, 1909, in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late Danny and Victoria (Grubb) Pugh.

He married Sarah Stahl in 1926 in Grover Hill, Ohio, and she died in 1994.

Surviving are three sons, John of Fort Wayne, Paul of Butler and Dennis of Auburn; two daughters, Ruth Spencer of Otter Lake, Angola, and Betty Patton of Huron, Ohio; one sister, Blanche Funk of Scott, Ohio; 18 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Rick Garmon of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will be the Waterloo Cemetery.

Gladys Stariha

AUBURN — Gladys B. Stariha, 95, died Wednesday at 4:05 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had lived for 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Stariha was a homemaker and lived in Auburn.

She was born April 30, 1901, in Vermontville, Mich., to the late Curtis M. and Ida May (McDonnell) Keith.

Her fifth husband, Frank Stariha, died in 1989.

Surviving are two stepsons, Ralph Stadtfeld of Albion and James Stariha of Muskegon, Mich.; six stepdaughters, Elaine Ernst of Marquette, Mich., Rosemary Clingerman of Wauchula, Fla., Kathleen Delaney of Atlanta, Ga., Helen Ward of Fort Wayne; Mary Ellen Shultes of Doylestown, Pa., and Janet Tompkins of Miami, Fla.

She was preceded in death by four husbands, three stepsons, one stepdaughter, three brothers and four sisters.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Crittenden-Hansen Funeral Home, 469 Wheatland Ave., Remus, Mich., with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Wambolt Cemetery in Remus.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Matthew 25 Clinic or a charity of the donor's choice.

Edward Bolen

WATERLOO — Edward Bolen, 67, of Waterloo, died at 6:40 p.m. Thursday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Jose Pineiro

FREMONT — Jose Antonio Pineiro, 67, died several days ago at his home on Snow Lake, Fremont.

Mr. Pineiro worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 28 years, retiring in 1991. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was born May 18, 1929, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Antonio and Nin Pineiro. His mother survives in Puerto Rico and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are four sons, Tracy and Rickey, both of Angola, David of Waterloo, and Joe of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Lisa Pawloski and Linda Fults, both of Angola; five brothers, Juan, Rawl, Frankir, Carlos and Jorge, all of Puerto Rico; six sisters, Mary, Aida, Rosine, Anne and Delia Pineiro, all of Puerto Rico, and Blanca Pineiro of California; and seven grandchildren, Sara Gipple, Stacey and Odessa Pawloski, and Jessica, Brittney, Justin, and Christian Pineiro.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Private family services will take place Sunday in the funeral home, with burial in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Rozella Shirley

STROH — Rozella S. Shirley, 47, of Stroh, died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

She was born July 17, 1949, in Somerset, Pa., to Clarence and Victoria (Rogozinski) Ulery.

Mrs. Shirley was a homemaker.

Surviving are her companion, Dempsey "Jack" Ritchie of Stroh; a daughter, Tracey L. Hause of Woodlawn, Va.; two sisters, Gayle Fike of Deerfield, Ohio, and Edna Conner of Michigan; four brothers, Bill Mitchell of Rockwood, Pa., Bud Ulery of Stoystown, Pa., Marvin Ulery of Wolcottville, and Chip Ulery of Hagerstown, Md.; and a grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Hause, and a son, Jeff Hause.

There will be no services or calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements

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Martha Longardner

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Martha M. Longardner, 66, of Montgomery, Mich., died Wednesdasy at 3:30 p.m. in Maplelawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater, Mich.

She retired in 1991 as a licensed practical nurse for Community Health Center of Branch County, Mich.

She was born Oct. 28, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Ervin Carl and Eleanore (Schoenemann) Hegerfeld. She married Carl Longardner. He preceded her in death in 1986.

She is survived by four sons, Kaye Longardner of Coldwater, Thomas Longardner of Montgomery, Robert Longardner of Bronson, Mich., and David Longardner of Montgomery; one daughter, Sandra (and husband Thomas) Scholten of Zeeland, Mich.; two brothers, Paul Hegerfeld of Missouri, and Edwin Hegerfeld of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Louise Hegerfeld of Fort Wayne, Mary Ann Trickel of Huntington, and Betty Wilhort of Bradenton, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and two-great grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Pastor Wayne Berkesch will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Keith Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Keith Zimmerman, 79, of Angola, died Thursday at 2:50 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zimmerman was a retired truck driver and a member of Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Aug. 30, 1917, in Steuben County to Harry L. and Mary Jane (Wyrick) Zimmerman.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret (Clark) Zimmerman; two sons, Tommy of Angola and Tim of Hamilton; two daughters, Nancy Thain of Tuscon, Ariz., and Vicky Lynn Zimmerman of Angola; two brothers, Harry of LaGrange, and Bill of Hillsdale, Mich.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Earl Armstrong will officiate. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be given to RISE Inc., Angola.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Waneta Crace**, 90, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Barbara Oren

AUBURN — Barbara S. Oren, 84, died Friday at 8:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Oren managed Sanders Hospital in Auburn for 27 years. She lived on East Fifth Street in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

She was one of four founders of the United Way in DeKalb County, and had served on its board of directors since its inception. She established the Barbara S. Oren Volunteer of the Year Award given by the United Way.

She was a director of the DeKalb County Red Cross for 40 years and served as its chairman for 20 years. She was a member of the DeKalb County Heart Fund and had served on its board since its inception.

She served on the former canteen committee at the YMCA in Auburn for over 20 years. She was a long-time volunteer for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival and served on the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board for several years.

She was born Sept. 4, 1912, in Bloomington to the late Dr. J.A. and Mary (Bright) Sanders.

She married H.G. Oren on Dec. 31, 1934, in Angola and he died in August 1995.

Surviving are one daughter, Ginger Becker of Southport, N.C.; one brother, Jack Sanders of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Kurt Becker.

One sister, Virginia Croxton, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn. The Rev. Karen Koelsch, associate pastor at the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Heart Fund or DeKalb County United Way.

Edward Bolen

WATERLOO — Edward Bolen, 67, died Thursday at 6:40 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolen retired in 1973 from his work as a molder in area foundries. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo.

He was born Dec. 1, 1929, in Knott County, Ky., to the late Frank and Ethel (Boleyn) Bolen.

He married Louise Monrow on Nov. 19, 1972, in Virginia, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Boleyn of Delphos, Ohio, and Donald Ray Wallen of Kendallville; one daughter, Lisa Combs of Waterloo; two stepsons, Douglas Terry and Wade Terry, both of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Reta Deskins and Tammy Philow, both of Kendallville; one brother, Robert Bolen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 3:30-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family in care of Louise Bolen, 265 Peneton St., Waterloo IN 46793.

Doris Bolf

HAMILTON — Doris M. Bolf, 48, died Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Bolf was a homemaker and lived on Hamilton Lake.

She was born June 18, 1948, in Angola to the late Vern and Ruth Echler.

She married John Bolf on July 3, 1965, in Saginaw, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John, Jason and Justin Bolf, all of Hamilton; four sisters, Carol Oliver and Verna Stoy, both of Angola, Sue Biller of Weidman, Mich., and Cindy Dornbush of Fremont, and two grandchildren.

One son, Jamie, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in Coker Funeral Home, 408 W. Main St., Farwell, Mich., with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will be in Weidman, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of local arrangements.

Minette Wellman

ANGOLA — Minette A. Wellman, 89, of Angola, died Thursday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital. The Manistee, Mich., native retired as a secretary for Mercon Gas Co. in Muskegon, Mich. Surviving is a sister, Selma Wellman of Angola. There are no services or calling hours in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Muskegon.

Deaths/Funerals

Larry Getts

GARRETT — Larry W. Getts, 57, died Saturday at 5:50 p.m. at his Garrett home.

Mr. Getts worked in quality control at Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, for 24 years. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 1, 1940, in Garrett to the late Estelle and Edna M. (King) Getts.

He married Judith K. Hamilton on June 29, 1958, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry Jr. of Garrett and Steven of Corunna; one daughter, Susan Austin of Muncie; three brothers, Maurice and James, both of Garrett, and Don of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Joyce Parker of Pleasant Lake and Faith Zumwalt of Tulsa, Okla.; and 10 grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Bill Dunfee and Pastor Ralph Deihl will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Esther Wheaton

ANGOLA — Esther J. Wheaton, 75, died Sunday at 6:35 a.m. in Vencor Hospital, LaGrange.

She was an operator of Redwood Center Motel for 10 years.

She was born Sept. 6, 1921, to Clarence and Nina (Heuer) Gottschalk. She married Robert Wheaton. He preceded her in death in 1990.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara (and husband, Alan) Boots of Howe, and Molly (and husband, Steven) Allen of Auburn; one son, Larry Wheaton of Dayton, Ohio; three sisters, Ruth (and husband, Alfred) Sowle and Jeanette (and husband, Harry) Sherburne, both of Coldwater, Mich., and Shirley (and husband, Max) Sutton of Fremont; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Tim Seevers will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Diabetes Foundation.

Edward Bolen

WATERLOO — Edward Bolen, 67, died Thursday at 6:40 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolen retired in 1973 from his work as a molder in area foundries. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo.

He was born Dec. 1, 1929, in Knott County, Ky., to the late Frank and Ethel (Boleyn) Bolen.

He married Louise Monroe on Nov. 19, 1972, in Virginia, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Boleyn of Delphos, Ohio, and Donald Ray Wallen of Kendallville; one daughter, Lisa Combs of Waterloo; two stepsons, Douglas Terry and Wade Terry, both of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Reta Deskins and Tammy Philo, both of Kendallville; one brother, Robert Bolen of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

One son, Rickie Lyn Bolen, and one sister preceded him in death.

Services took place today at 11 a.m. in the Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family in care of Louise Bolen, 265 Peneton St., Waterloo IN 46793.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Harold Hoolihan

ANGOLA — Harold R. Hoolihan, 87, died Sunday at 6:16 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

He served as dean of the School of Business at Tri-State University for more than 40 years.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, he was a graduate of Albion College in Albion, Mich.

Mr. Hoolihan was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236; Masonic Temple Franklin Lodge No. 40; Angola York Rite Masonic Fraternities; York Rite College No. 55, Fort Wayne; Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne; a 50-year member of Knights Templar Priests, Gennesaret Temple XVII; St. Basil Conclave, Order of Red Cross of Constantine, Lafayette; Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne; Pokagon Shrine, Steuben County; Angola Chapter 78 Order of the Eastern Star; a 33rd Degree Mason; Grand Lodge of Scotland; Angola American Legion Post 31; and Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 3, 1909, in Litchfield, Mich., to Clarence W. and Phosa (Shaffer) Hoolihan. He married Beatrice (Norton) Hoolihan. She preceded him in death on Nov. 15, 1994.

He is survived by one son, Dennis Hoolihan of Angola; a half-sister, Clarice Bouton of Sun City, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Howard Hoolihan, on Dec. 31, 1963.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Commandary Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Well-Child Clinic.

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Harry Wade Jr.

SYRACUSE — Harry J. "Jim" Wade Jr., 82, of Syracuse, died at 3:15 p.m. Saturday in his residence.

He was born in Washington County, Va., to Harry J. and Mary (Johnson) Wade Jr. His first wife, Mary Alice Farne, preceded him in death in 1971. On May 27, 1978, in Albion, he married Donna Belle Huntsman. She preceded him in death May 16, 1995.

Mr. Wade had lived in Berwind, W.Va., before moving to Ligonier in 1962. He was a retired coal miner and had worked at Monsanto Co. in Ligonier and Tower Ribbon in Topeka. He was a member of Solomon Creek United Methodist Church, Syracuse.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Edna) Sims of Greensboro, N.C., and Mrs. Richard (Barbara) DeBolt of Ligonier; a son, Roy Wade of Butler; two sisters, Blanche Webb and Evelyn Hart, both of Bristol, Va.; a brother, Howard Wade of Lakeland, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Alice Wade, in 1970; a son, Harry J. Wade III in 1985; and three brothers, Bill, Lee and Lewis Wade.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Solomon Creek United Methodist Church, 15051 C.R. 146, Syracuse, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation is from 5-9 p.m. today in the church.

Preferred memorials are Solomon Creek United Methodist Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Evalyn Doub

WATERLOO — Evalyn G. Doub, 84, died today at 1:10 a.m. in her Waterloo home.

Mrs. Doub was a homemaker. She was born March 25, 1912, in Metropolis, Ill., to the late Henry and Olieine (Smith) Sommer.

She married Clarence Doub on March 21, 1931, and he died Jan. 31, 1991.

Surviving are one son, Larry of Waterloo; two daughters, Sandra Goings of Auburn and Linda Grabner of Topeka, and three grandchildren, Lynley Allen, Kelly Wagoner, and Todd Goings.

Five brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Helen Workman

BLUFFTON — Helen L. Workman, 79, of Bluffton, died Friday at 9:40 p.m. at Extenda Care in Bluffton.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton.

She was born July 7, 1917, in Wells County to George and Minnie (Anderson) Stinson. In August 1933, she married James G. Workman, and became a homemaker. Her husband preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1969.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Workman of Bluffton and Robert Workman of Orland; one brother, Junior Stinson of Bluffton; seven grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Father Stephen Colchin officiated. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Esther Hoover

WEST MILTON, Ohio — Esther Naomi (Stump) Hoover, 84, died Friday at 4:23 p.m. in her home in West Milton, Ohio.

She was a member of Union Grove Brethren in Christ Church in Nappanee.

Mrs. Hoover was born Aug. 24, 1912, in Union Township, Elkhart County, to the late Oscar F. and Nellie (Wagner) Stump.

Her husband, the Rev. Jesse Hoover, survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Vernon E. and Margaret Hoover of New Palestine; two grandchildren, Becky and Joel; one brother, Willard D. Stump of Canton, Ohio; one sister, JoAnna Hoke of Nappanee; and 21 grandchildren.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in Hale-Sarver Funeral Home, West Milton, with the Rev. Kimberland J. Hough officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the World Missionary Press, New Paris, Ind.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **William A. Robinson**, 38, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

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Ernest Stroh

DECATUR, Ala. — Ernest Stroh, 67, died Monday at 7:30 a.m. in his home in Decatur, Ala.

Mr. Stroh was a retired from his work as a chemist for the Monsanto Co.

He was a former Garrett resident, a Garrett High School graduate and served in the U.S. Army. He was also active in his church in Decatur.

He was born Nov. 9, 1929, in Walkerton to the late Roy and Ethelinda (Teders) Stroh.

He married Barbara Kissinger on Oct. 23, 1954, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Leesa and Jean Ellen, both of Decatur; and two sisters, Carol Mae Vaughn of Tucker, Ga., and Berniece Cantrell of Salem, Va.

Services will take place Wednesday in Decatur.

Covert Wentzel

KEWANNA — Covert L. Wentzel, 72, died Monday at 12:52 a.m. in Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

He was a retired from farming in Union Township, Fulton County, and was a member of Zion Gospel Chapel, Kewanna. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the European-African and Asiatic-Pacific theaters.

He was born Nov. 11, 1924, in Aubbeenaubbee Township, Fulton County, to the late Peter and Amanda (Copeland) Wentzel.

He married Romayne Smith on July 2, 1950, in Macy and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Rebecca Slentz of Butler, Christine Stopa of Alamogordo, N.M., and Carol Holmquest of Valparaiso; three sons, Timothy of Hicksville, Ohio, Roger of Warsaw, Poland, and Donald of Fishers; two brothers, Lester of Culver and Harold of Plymouth; two sisters, Mary Wentzel and Betty Weller, both of Rochester; and 13 grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday after 8 a.m. in Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Services will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ivan Augsburger officiating. Burial will be in Bruce Lake Cemetery, Kewanna, with graveside military services.

Memorial contributions may be given to Gideons International or Zion Gospel Chapel.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Kenneth L. Morris**, 75, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Charlotte Johnson Ennis

AUBURN — Charlotte M. Johnson Ennis, 80, died Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Ennis was a telephone operator for Indiana Bell Telephone from 1951 to 1978.

She was an Auburn resident and a 1934 graduate of Auburn High School. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneer Club and the Auburn Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 23, 1916, in DeKalb County to the late Frank and Wavel (Bucher) Johnson.

She married Omer Ennis on March 26, 1938, in DeKalb County. He died in July 1985. Also preceding her in death were three sisters and a brother.

Surviving are a daughter, Sondra Tzeschlock of Auburn; a sister, Eleanor Kessler of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Syndy Kelley and Casey Stafford; and two great-grandchildren, Spencer and Carter Stafford.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Jerry Saltsman of the Auburn Church of Christ officiating.

There will be no calling. Funeral arrangements are being made by Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Children's First Center in Auburn.

Robert Bowers

BUTLER — Robert Bruce Bowers, 82, died Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. at his home on West Oak Street, Butler.

Mr. Bowers retired from Rieke Corp. of Auburn in 1980 with 10 years of service. He formerly worked at Mutzfeld Hardware in Butler for 20 years.

He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler Eagles Lodge, Hamilton Fish & Game Club and George Lee Chapter 26 of the National Watch & Clock Association. He was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Nov. 28, 1914, in Franklin Township.

He married Luella M. Wilson on Dec. 17, 1938, in Highland Park, Mich., and she survives. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce Robert and Shirlee Bowers of Sacramento, Calif.; another son, John Wilson Bowers of Auburn; one brother, Donald Imm of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters, Ruth Kimpel and Verda Curry, both of Edgerton, Ohio; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Edgerton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Robert Gorrell

HOUSTON — Robert W. "Bill" Gorrell, 71, died Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. in Houston, following a long illness

Formerly of Pleasant Lake, he retired as an engineer from Dekko International, Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 26, 1926, in Hudson to Dawson and Dolly (Ladd) Gorrell. His wife, Sharon (McMann) Gorrell, and his parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by one daughter, Suanne Griffith of Houston; three brothers, Richard Gorrell of Angola, John Gorrell of Pleasant Lake, and Gene Gorrell of Jimmerson Lake; and two grandchildren, Shannon and Justin Tobias.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Lung Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Weldon Webster

BUTLER — Weldon W. Webster, 86, died Tuesday at 8:27 a.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb health care center in Butler, where he had resided since Jan. 7. He had been in failing health for the past several years.

Mr. Webster was a terminal manager for Maiers Motor Freight in Mayville, Mich., for over 38 years. He formerly worked for Brodbeck Trucking in South Bend. He was a past member of the Motor City Traffic Club.

He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1929. He lived in the Detroit area until 1971, when he moved to DeKalb County Road 79-A.

He was both Aug. 10, 1910, in DeKalb County to the late Clark H. and Una B. (Zuber) Webster.

He married Eula A. Beerbower on Sept. 12, 1931, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Larry D. of Detroit, Mich., five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two nephews.

One brother, Blaine Webster, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 4-6 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Newville.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 29. 1997 (cont'd)

Helen Menningen

UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio — Helen E. Menningen, 80, died Tuesday at 12:25 p.m. in Wyandot Manor Nursing Home, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Mrs. Menningen was a homemaker and owner of Bud's Service Station & Sporting goods. She graduated from McCuthenville High School. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and was active in the Upper Sandusky Fire Department Auxiliary, Rosary Altar Society and CLC.

She was born March 13, 1916, in Wyandot County, Ohio, to the late Arthur and Lulu (Kemmerly) Ruehle.

She married Vincent A. Menningen on Nov. 5, 1934, in Tiffin, Ohio, and he died Feb. 16, 1978.

Surviving are one daughter, Patricia (Mrs. Thomas) Dendinger of Auburn; two sons, Bernard A. of Carey, Ohio, and Thomas E. of Upper Sandusky; two brothers, James Ruehle of Upper Sandusky and John Ruehle of Tiffin; four sisters, Aleta Roberts and Ida Alberts, both of Tiffin, Mary Shull of Upper Sandusky, and Etta Lawrence of Palm Harbor, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

One sister, Mina, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Bringman and Co. Funeral Home, Upper Sandusky. A biblical wake service will be held Thursday at 7:45 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Upper Sandusky. Father William Bodart will officiate. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the 4-H Endowment Fund, St. Peter's Catholic School, or Wyandot Memorial Health Foundation.

Deaths/Funerals

Velma Hutchins Gilbert

ANGOLA — Velma Hutchins Gilbert, 91, died Wednesday at 2:20 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born Dec. 23, 1905, in Steuben County to Ira and Mary (Michaud) Delong. She married Leon Hutchins and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1967. She also was preceded in death by her second husband, Clair Gilbert, in 1987.

She is survived by one son, Ronald Hutchins of Angola; two sisters, Irene Butler of Orland and Marion Daigle of Lafayette, La.; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. Glenda Woodcox will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

E.T. Michael Kittle

BRYAN, Ohio — Infant E.T. Michael Kittle died Tuesday morning shortly after his birth at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Esther "Cookie" (Duke) and Johnny Ray Kittle Sr. of Bryan, Ohio; one brother, Johnny Ray Kittle II, at home; one sister, Scottaretta Sue Shaffer of Bryan; and his grandparents, Delvain "Stoney" Kittle Sr. and Clara Kittle of Edgerton, Ohio; Bill and Vada Albright of Waterloo; and Tom Duke and Sally Salisbury of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by one sibling.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. in Edgerton United Methodist Church, with Pastor Steve Stemple officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

There will be no calling. Krill Funeral Home of Edgerton is charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dean D. Miller**, 76, died Sunday. A celebration of life at 2 p.m. today in Eagle Glen Event Center, Columbia City. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Thelma Baker

ST. JOE — Thelma R. Baker, 91, died Thursday morning at her home.

She was a homemaker and was born in Concord Township. She was a member and organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and a charter member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

Her husband, Lester, died in 1971.

Surviving are several cousins, including Clifton Draggoo of Hamilton.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Private calling will be held. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe.

Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Hampshire

WATERLOO — Bonnie D. Hampshire, 64, died Wednesday at 9:48 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Hampshire was a homemaker and had lived in Waterloo for four years.

She was born Aug. 11, 1932, in Fort Wayne to the late Elmer and Velma (Lyman) Tester.

She married Walter Claude Hampshire on March 28, 1953, in Fort Wayne, and he died in 1991.

Surviving are one daughter, Wanda F. Bade of Fort Wayne; two sons, Thomas D. and Steven R., both of Waterloo; two sisters, Ruth Sims and Helen Bower, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Raymond Tester of Waterloo and Francis Tester of Albion; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rodney Hall of Agape Assembly of God officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Good Samaritan Center, Auburn.

Pamela Emerick

STURGIS, Mich. — Pamela Dee Emerick, 45, died Thursday at her home.

She was employed from 1974 to the present by Harter Corp. (Jami Inc.), as a purchasing agent. The company established the Pamela Emerick Excellence Award in her honor. She lived in Sturgis and was a 1969 graduate of Burr Oak High School in Burr Oak, Mich.

She was a member of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church, Sturgis Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary 1314 and Women of the Moose 613.

Mrs. Emerick was born Oct. 23, 1951, in Coldwater, Mich., to Robert and Ethel (Marowelli) Ferguson. Her mother survives in Coldwater and her father is deceased.

She married Victor Allen Emerick on April 17, 1976, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Jayna Emerick of Sturgis; one son, Adam Emerick of Sturgis; three stepchildren and their spouses, Ernie and Lori Emerick, Angie and Jim Sienkowski, Larry and Krista Emerick, all of Sturgis; three sisters, Connie Smith of Bronson, Nancy Zebolsky of Coldwater, and Penny Bachman of Flint, Mich.; three brothers, Larry Ferguson of Coldwater, Kenneth Ferguson of Sherwood, Mich., and Douglas Ferguson of Bronson; her mother-in-law, Dolores Emerick of Auburn; two sisters-in-law and their spouses, Sally and Gene Kessler of Auburn, and Judy and Jim Lowe of Blythe, Calif.; three brothers-in-law and their spouses, Russ and Marge Emerick, Bob and Bev Emerick and Tom and Rita Emerick, all of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 3-7 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd. of Sturgis.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Raschka of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Velma Hutchins Gilbert

ANGOLA — Velma Hutchins Gilbert, 91, died Wednesday at 2:20 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born Dec. 23, 1905, in Steuben County to Ira and Mary (Michaud) Delong. She married Leon Hutchins and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1967. She was also preceded in death by her second husband, Clair Gilbert, in 1987.

She is survived by two sons, Lyn Hutchins and Ronald Hutchins, both of Angola; two sisters, Irene Butler of Orland and Marion Daigle of Lafayette, La.; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Services took place at 11 a.m. today at Klink Funeral Home, Angola. The Rev. Glenda Woodcox officiated. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Clifford Uetrecht Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Clifford L.H. Uetrecht Sr., 75, died Thursday in Applewood Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1984 from General Electric Co. after 39 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are a son, Clifford Uetrecht Jr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Gloria Johnson of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Louise Berkley of Kendallville, Donna Kester of Auburn, Carolyn Anderson of Portland, Ore., and Dorothy Sturges and Mary Corkwell, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, David Rodebaugh of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Raymond Mutzfeld

WATERLOO — Raymond A. Mutzfeld, 72, died Wednesday at 11:50 a.m. in his home on County Road 19, Waterloo.

Mr. Mutzfeld was an electrician at Dana Corp., Auburn, for 30 years, retiring in 1986. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Butler American Legion Post 202, and UAW Local 164.

He was born July 21, 1924, in Wilmington Township to the late Walter and Jessie Lawanda (Keller) Mutzfeld.

He married Mary Pearl Harshman on Nov. 16, 1963, in the First Baptist Church, Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott A. of Muncie and Jason T. of Allison Park, Pa.; one sister, Mary Lehman of Edgerton, Ohio; two grandchildren, LoDonna Heller and Stuart Mutzfeld; and three great-grandchildren, Drew and Ean Heller, and Vincent Mutzfeld.

One son, John Arthur, and one stepdaughter, Roxanne Bradley, preceded him in death.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1;30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. John Hostetter, pastor of Waterloo United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Wee Haven Industries in Garrett.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Ethel M. Keller**, 101, died Tuesday in Florida. Private services. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Cole William Wilcoxson**, 1 month, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-9 p.m. today and after noon on Saturday.

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Bryan Leitch

ALBION — Bryan W. Leitch, 73, died at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A lifelong Albion resident, Mr. Leitch was an electrician.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Mr. Leitch served in the U.S. Navy for four years, and spent the remainder of his service in the U.S. Army. He retired from the Army in 1964 after 27 years of service. He was a member of the Albion American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Leitch was born Dec. 13, 1923, in Noble County to Owen and Dorthy (Potter) Leitch. His mother, Dorthy Leitch Rinehart, survives in Albion.

He married Deloris J. Thompson on Sept. 9, 1995, in Wawaka. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three daughters, Evelyn Prince of Cromwell and Joy Ramerez, both of Cromwell, and Ellen Horsfall of Middlebury; three sons, Ernest Leitch of Bristol, Edwin Leitch of Ocala, Fla., and Eldon Leitch of Wolf Lake; two stepsons, Leal Everett of Ligonier and Randy Everett of Mattawan, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Bonnie Rustenholtz of Climax, Mich.; two brothers, Orland Leitch of Albion and Marion Leitch of Georgia; a sister, Fay Malony of Albion; 10 grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren four great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Elayne Leitch, and two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in Brazzel Funeral Home, Albion.

Funeral services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Bill Farmer officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

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Deaths/Funerals

Jayne Kobiela

GARRETT — Jayne Kobiela, 67, died Saturday at 11:32 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kobiela worked for the Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles for 12 years, retiring in July 1996.

She was a former Garrett City Council member and the first woman to serve on the council. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Garrett Library Board, Tri Kappa, St. Joseph Catholic School board, and president of the Rosary Society at her church. She lived on South Peters Street in Garrett.

Mrs. Kobiela was born Jan. 27, 1930, in Garrett, to the late F.W. and Helen (Springer) Owens.

She married Edward J. Kobiela on Jan. 13, 1951, in Garrett and he died Sept. 30, 1984.

Surviving are three sons, David and Grant, both of Garrett and Joe of Auburn; one daughter, Lynn Ellen Kobiela of Garrett, two sisters, Pat Noel of Fort Wayne and Peg Sockrider of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Owens, and two sisters, Kate Manon and Maxine Feagler.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett. Father Tom Seidel will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Library, St. Joseph Catholic Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

John Shumaker

HUDSON — John B. Shumaker, 78, of rural Hudson, died at 6:27 p.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Steuben County on July 10, 1918, to Marlton and Daisy (Tritch) Shumaker. On April 22, 1939, in LaGrange, he married Pauline M. Frey. She preceded him in death Feb. 19, 1994.

Mr. Shumaker was a 1936 graduate of Salem Center High School. He retired in 1983 from Moore Business Forms in Angola after 20 years, and prior to that was with the Steuben County Highway Department for 15 years. He was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, a 50-year member of Hiawatha Masonic Lodge, Hudson, a charter member of Stroh Lions Club, a 42-year member of the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department of which he served as chief and a member of the board of trustees.

Surviving are four daughters, Alice Shumaker and Diana Kitson, both of rural Hudson, Judy Bagwell of Deluth, Ga., and Melodee Frye of Longwood, Fla.; three sisters, Jean Reinoehl of Ashley, Beverly Blood of Warsaw, and Velma Farrington of Waterloo; three brothers, Heber Shumaker of Angola, Wilbur Dean Shumaker of Kendallville, and Ned Shumaker of Auburn; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert, in 1968.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Howard G. Compton officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, rural Pleasant Lake.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department or Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Opal Damron

METZ — Opal M. Damron, 60, died Friday at 9:55 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing care center in Butler, where she had been a resident two days. She had been in failing health since November.

Mrs. Damron retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola in 1994, with 26 years of service. She was a member of Metz Christian Church and its Ladies Aid, American Red Cross and the Metz Fire Department Auxiliary.

She was born June 19, 1936, in Kentucky to John and Irene (Clevenger) Hopson.

She married Claude Damron in 1953 and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert of Kilgore, Texas; John of Hamilton and Charles of Angola; two daughters, Claudia Adams of New, Ohio, and Irene LaBrosse of Angola; one brother, Jack Hopson of Angola; five sisters, Roberta Calcot of Tyler, Texas, Mary Cecil of Jackson, Mich., Frankie Jarrell of Portsmouth, Ohio, Bonnoe Crisp of Martin, Ky., and Nancy Johnson of Corunna; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Herry in 1989, one sister, Ruby, and one brother, Bruce Hopson.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio.

Services will take place Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Metz Christian Church, with Pastor Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 3, 1997 (cont'd.)

Carroll Oberlin

BUTLER — Carroll Ann Oberlin, 57, died Sunday afternoon in The Laurels of DeKalb health care center, Butler.

Mrs. Oberlin was a homemaker. She was born May 21, 1939, in Rome City to the late Melvin and Hazel (Criswell) Bloomfield.

She married Robert Oberlin in 1957 in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kevin, Kent and Mike, all of Butler; one brother, Dennis Bloomfield of Issaquah, Wash.; two sisters, Katherine Rouns of Fort Wayne and Beckie Dirrim of Edon, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

One son, Douglas, and one sister, Connie Bloomfield, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Ralph Deihl of New Hope Church, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Cheryl Sterling

AUBURN — Cheryl A. (Ames) Sterling, 50, died Sunday at 11:45 p.m. in her Auburn home.

She was an inspector for Artistic Cartons, Auburn, and a lifelong resident. She was a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born Sept. 10, 1946, in Auburn to Richard E. and Carrie (Reeder) Ames. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are one son, Christopher J. of Auburn; and one sister, Marsha J. Wilcoxson of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McCómb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Donna Walter

GARRETT — Donna Jean Walter, 62, died Saturday at 10:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Walter was a cook for Miller's Merry Manor. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, and lived in Garrett.

She was born Nov. 24, 1934, in Garrett to Carl and Elizabeth (Bartels) Diederick.

She married Max Walter on Sept. 19, 1953, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Steve and Mark, both of Garrett, Bruce of Huntertown, Keith of Kendallville and Kenneth of Nappanee; two daughters, Denise Womack of Auburn and Linda Shroads of Waterloo; three sisters, Clara Sobasky of Garrett, Lavon Hendrickson of Paynesville, Ohio, and Elaine Nihart of Bryan, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth, and one sister, Dorothy, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

M. Kathryn Ketner

FINDLAY, Ohio — M. Kathryn Ketner, 83, died Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in Fox Run Manor Nursing Home in Findlay.

Mrs. Ketner formerly lived in Hamilton. She and her husband were foster parents in Hancock and Steuben counties for over 25 years, caring for more than 100 children during that time.

She was born Sept. 6, 1913, in Arlington, Ohio, to the late Samuel A. and M. Effie (Watton) Treece.

She married Alfred D. Ketner on Feb. 20, 1940, and he died April 29, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Donald E. of Ashland, Ohio, and James A. of Hamilton; one foster son, Bill Gibson of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Ruth E. Haggerty of Findlay and Cheryl Ann Houlton of Georgia; three brothers, John W. Treece of Mount Gilead, Ohio, George W. Treece of Rossville, Ga., and Richard W. Treece of Findlay; five grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Lt. Samuel A. Treece and Robert Treece, and one sister, Doris Treece, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. in Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Fahrbach officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arcadia, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hancock County Children's Services, Steuben County Children's Services or the Fox Run Manor Residents Activity Fund.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Harold Taulbee**, 69, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruby Leffel

GARRETT — Ruby Jane Leffel, 80, died Monday at 4 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a winder of motors for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 16 years, retiring in 1964. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett.

Mrs, Leffel was born March 23, 1916, in Washington Court House, Ohio, to the late Mileon and Lydia (Watson) Williams.

She married Walter E. Leffel on June 21, 1947, in Columbus, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Blinda Leffel of Garrett, one brother, Howard Williams of Columbus, Ohio; and two sisters, Ruth Raymer of Renoldsburg, Ohio, and Byerl Brooks of Barberton, Ohio.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett. The Rev. Herbert Schumm, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Frederick Davis

HUNTERTOWN — Frederick E. Davis, 73, died Sunday in Broward General Medical Center, Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Davis was a mechanic for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1975 and moving to Florida. He was a former member of Huntertown United Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 4, 1923, in Noblesville, to the late James H. and Grace (Sabin) Davis.

Surviving are his wife, Anna of Fort Lauderdale; two daughters, Dulane Chapman of Fort Wayne and Rita Litzenberg, Texas; one brother, Robert of Kendallville; one sister, Lois Rigsby of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Max Smith of the Huntertown United Methodist Church officiating.

Hobert Retter

WOLCOTTVILLE — Hobert L. Retter, 77, died Monday at 12:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Retter was retired and lived in Wolcottville. He was a member of Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194.

He was born July 13, 1919, in Ridgeville to the late George A. and Maude L. (DeBoy) Retter.

Surviving are his wife, Anna M. (Limbert) Retter; two sisters, Genevieve Barlow of Warsaw and Barbara Ashley of Ridgeville; and one brother, Cecil Retter of Florida.

There will be no calling. Services will be conducted at a later date. Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

William Groll

LEYDEN, Mass. — William F. Groll, 83, died Sunday in Hartford Hospital.

Mr. Groll was owner of the former Wenger's Bakery in Springfield, Mass. He was an avid equestrian and operated the former Silverbrook Stables in West Springfield for many years.

Born in Germany, he moved to Springfield when he was young. He lived most of his life in West Springfield. He lived half of each year year in Leyden and half in Punta Gorda, Fla., for the last several years. He was a communicant of St. Thomas Church.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart during his service in the European Theater.

His wife, Dorothy M. (Miller) Groll, died in 1978.

Surviving are three daughters, Andrea M. Clarke of Auburn, Katherine M. Blanchard of Punta Gorda, and Judith A. Quinlan of Leyden; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 9 a.m. in the funeral home, and at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas Church. Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery

Carroll Oberlin

BUTLER — Carroll Ann Oberlin, 57, died Sunday afternoon in The Laurels of DeKalb health care center, Butler.

Mrs. Oberlin was a homemaker. She was born May 21, 1939, in Rome City to the late Melvin and Hazel (Criswell) Bloomfield.

She married Robert Oberlin in 1957 in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kevin, Kent and Mike, all of Butler; one stepdaughter, Roberta Whitacre of Lodi, Ohio; one brother, Dennis Bloomfield of Issaquah, Wash.; two sisters, Kathrine Rouns of Fort Wayne and Beckie Dirrim of Edon, Ohio; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One son, Douglas, and one sister, Connie Bloomfield, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Ralph Deihl of New Hope Church, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Laura A. Zeller**, 84, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Viola Hill

ANGOLA — Viola C. Hill, 85, died Monday at 10:25 p.m. in Markle Healthcare Center, Markle.

She was born Dec. 3, 1911, in LaGrange to William and Gertie (Chaffee) Williams. She married Richard M. Hill and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 1993.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Linda Byrd; one grandson, Jimmy Byrd; six brothers; and one sister.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Penrol of Poneto, and Phyllis M. Christlib of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or service. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Ruth Maxwell

CELINA, Ohio — Ruth A. Maxwell, 80, died Tuesday at 2 p.m. in her home in Celina.

Mrs. Maxwell worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 10 years, retiring in 1968. She had lived in Celina a short time, and was a former Auburn resident. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Stitch & Chatter Club of Waterloo.

She was born Sept. 28, 1916, in Covington, Ky., to the late John and Caroline (Lammert) Fichlie.

She married Willard G. Maxwell on Aug. 7, 1934, in Hamilton and he died April 5, 1988.

Surviving are one son, Paul of Celina; two daughters, Beverly Munro of Fairview Park, Ohio, and Sharon Hightower of Columbus, Ga.; one sister, Mary Helen DeMarie of Covington; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Melvin Fichlie, and one sister Thelma Mary Dault, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 6-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Helen Hoy McClellan**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Cathleen Price

GARRETT — Cathleen Y. Price, 91, died Wednesday at 5:40 a.m. in Vencor Hospital, LaGrange.

Mrs. Price was a clerk for the U.S. government and was employed in the Adjutant General's office at Fort Harrison for 14 years. She was a member of East Lynn Christian Church in Anderson. She graduated from Anderson High School in 1924 and from Modern Business College in 1925. She moved from Anderson to Wolcottville in 1988, and to Garrett in 1993. She lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 10, 1905, in Martinsville to the late George and Florence Yocum.

She married Glenn Price, who died in 1960.

Surviving are one grandson, Ronald Mitchell of Auburn, and two great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Vonda (Price) Mitchell, preceded her in death.

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, with Dr. Sam Young of East Lynn Christian Church officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the East Lynn Building Fund.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Leonard Ryan

LAGRANGE — Leonard Ryan, 86, of LaGrange, died at 3:53 a.m. today in his residence.

He was born in Angola Nov. 22, 1910, to John and Lamora (Boyer) Ryan. On Sept. 7, 1931, in Angola, he married Dorothy Walker. She survives.

Mr. Ryan was the former owner of Mongo Grain Elevator in Mongo, and retired from Machine-Rite in LaGrange. He had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of LaGrange Missionary Church and American Legion Post 215, LaGrange.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Kay Strall of LaGrange, and Mrs. Merton (Nancy) Austin of Mendon, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, L.D. and Sue Ryan of Siloam Springs, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Hammond, and a brother, Robert Ryan.

Funeral services will be at LaGrange Missionary Church, LaGrange, at 2 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Brad Ulick officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to LaGrange Missionary Church.

Hazel Blackburn

FORT MYERS BEACH, Fla. — Hazel C. Blackburn, 84, died Thursday, Jan. 30.

A Huntington native, she had lived in Fort Myers Beach since 1973. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1930 and received her bachelor of arts degree in home economics from Purdue University.

Her husband, Dr. Harold L. Blackburn, died Oct. 20, 1993.

Surviving her are four sons, James R. and John M., both of Fort Meyers, William H. of Little Meadows, Pa., and Thomas R. of Auburn; a sister, Betty Phares of Sierra Vista, Ariz., 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A family memorial service will take place at a later date in Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Margaret Sockrider

AUBURN — Margaret O. "Peg" Sockrider, 77, of North McClellan Street, Auburn, died Thursday at 8:22 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and had worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for the past several years.

Mrs. Sockrider was born Dec. 6, 1919, in Garrett to Jack and Helen (Springer) Owens.

On May 20, 1939, she married Albert Sockrider in Garrett. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Stanley Sockrider of Milwaukee; three daughters, Margaret Jane Bloom of Grabill, Beth Smith of Auburn, and Amy Weiler of Auburn; a sister, Pat Noel of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren.

One brother, three sisters and one grandson preceded her in death.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 1-3 p.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church, where a memorial service conducted by the Rev. William Haworth will begin at 3 p.m.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Garrett Presbyterian Church in lieu of flowers.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Gary Jack

PLEASANT LAKE — Gary D. Jack, 44, of Pleasant Lake, died at noon Wednesday in Spartanburg, S.C., in an automobile accident.

Mr. Jack was a graduate of Hamilton High School and worked as a mechanic for Larry's Repair Service in Pleasant Lake and as a used car salesman.

He was born Jan. 8, 1953, in Angola to Herman and Hazel (Worthington) Jack, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters, Carrie Jack of Angola and Anastasia Jack of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald of Angola, and Larry of Pleasant Lake; and one grandson, Jacob.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger, in 1995, and Walter in 1993; and a sister, Marcella Somerlott, in 1989.

Service arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Taya Adams

FORT WAYNE — Taya Ann (Mentzer) Adams, 45, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at 3 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Adams was a member of Praise Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and managed the former Fischman store at Glenbrook Mall for many years. She was a member of the DeKalb High School class of 1969 and lived in Auburn for four years.

She was born May 22, 1951, in Fort Wayne, to Tom and Gloria Mentzer. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in rural Auburn.

In April 1984, she married Dave Adams in Fort Wayne. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are one stepson, Jon Adams of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Amy Adams of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Joe Dager of Fort Wayne; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jerry and Sue Bauermeister of Auburn; four nephews and one niece.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. The Rev. James Cotter of Praise Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Praise Lutheran Church.

Ferlie Rinehold

HUNTERTOWN — Ferlie L. Rinehold, 88, died Wednesday at 5:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, where she had lived for one month.

Mrs. Rinehold was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Huntertown.

She was born May 6, 1908, in Kalkaska, Mich., to the late William A. and Metta (Cone) Grim.

She married Alvin W. Rinehold on May 3, 1933, in Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, and he died Nov. 16, 1993.

Surviving are one daughter, Rosalie C. Bastable of Huntertown; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

A graveside service took place today at 1:30 p.m. in Dutch Ridge Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Fetter

GARRETT — Marjorie M. Fetter, 73, of Garrett, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Fetter was a Realtor for Diederich Real Estate for 27 years, retiring in 1996. She previously was news director for WIFF Radio in Auburn.

She was a member of the St. Joseph Rosary Society, the Garrett Historical Society, past president of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary, and a member of the Garrett Chamber of Commerce and the Northeast Indiana Board of Realtors.

Mrs. Fetter was born on March 21, 1923, in Belding, Mich., to John W. and Mildred M. (Crawford) Kutchey, who preceded her in death.

On Nov. 28, 1946, she married Floyd A. Fetter in Lansing, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald Fetter of Fort Wayne, William Fetter of Kendallville, and John Fetter of Goshen; three daughters, Connie Myers Brown of Fort Wayne, Anita Tullis of Corunna, and Tina Drzewiecki of Garrett; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Mark Myers, and two brothers, William Kutchey and Jack Kutchey.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday and at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with Father Tom Seidel officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Rosary will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic School Computer Fund or the DeKalb County Hospice.

Arrangements are by McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Deaths/Funerals

Doris Moughler

BUTLER — Doris E. Moughler, 82, died Saturday at 8 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Moughler was a homemaker and lived on County Road 79, Butler. She was a member of Butler Community Bible Church and the Whittenburg Guild of Troy Township.

She was born Jan. 2, 1915, in Wilmington Township to the late Charles and Dora (Bunge) Ridge.

She married Roy Moughler on Sept. 22, 1935, in Wilmington Township, and he died May 16, 1988.

Surviving are one son, Roger of Butler; one daughter, Carolyn Dennis of Delray Beach, Fla.; one brother, Robert Ridge of Butler; one sister, Esther Viall of Butler; and four grandchildren, Tonya and Lisa Dennis, and Gary and Cassie Moughler.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Courtney of the Butler Community Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Eastside Community Foundation, in care of Knisely National Bank, 200 S. Broadway, Butler IN 46721.

Rachel 'Betty' Reese

AUBURN — Rachel "Betty" (Ferris) Reese, 80, died Saturday evening in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Reese was the retired owner of Reese Decorating Service in Angola, and lived in Auburn. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, and the Business and Professional Women in Angola.

She was born Feb. 25, 1916, in Steuben County to the late Clyde and Ethel (Oury) Ferris.

She married Edwin T. Reese on Nov. 30, 1940, in Newport, Ky., and he died May 3, 1978.

Surviving are three sons, Michael E. of Merced, Calif., Timothy L. of Fort Wayne, and Daniel G. of Toledo, Ohio; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One brother, Rex Ferris, and one sister, Joyce Williams, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the church, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr., pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Flint Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Clark

WATERLOO — Donald Gene Clark, 39, died Sunday in Angola.

Mr. Clark was a caretaker at the Humane Society of Steuben County in Angola. He lived on County Road 10, Waterloo.

He was born Sept. 22, 1957, in Fulton County to Glenn Dale and Luella Mae (Overholt) Clark. His parents survive in Butler.

Also surviving are his wife, Dianne Lynn (Bienz) Clark of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Joseph E. Wolf of Kewanna and Roger L. Hale of Winchester; two sisters, Jean M. Kahn of Bryant and Julia A. Clark of Waterloo, several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and a close friend, Betty Heckert of Waterloo.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel in Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home chapel, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Steuben County.

Eva Nelle Harshman

AUBURN — Eva Nelle Harshman, 70, died Sunday at 6:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She formerly resided at 611 E. Seventh St., Auburn, and was a 45-year resident of the Auburn area. She had retired in 1985 with 30 years of service as corporate secretary for Bauman-Harnish Co. in Garrett. She was a member of the East Connellsville United Methodist Church and the local Sigma Beta Sorority, which she served as treasurer in 1988.

She was born Dec. 15, 1926, in Connellsville, Pa., to Elva and Eva (Wilson) Harshman, both now deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Pearl Mutzfeld, Waterloo, Betty Beattie, Connellsville, Pa., and Emogene Collins, Columbus, Ohio; and two brothers, Floyd Harshman, McKeesport, Pa., and Glenn Harshman, Houston.

A sister, Carrie Turney, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in Mount Olive Cemetery, Connellsville, Pa.

Memorial donations may be made to Wee Haven in Garrett.

Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 10, 1997 (cont'd)

Margaret Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Gibson, 86, or Kendallville, died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday in her residence. She had been seriously ill one year.

She was born in Bolen, Ky., Oct. 15, 1910, to Henry and Ellis (Bolen) Gibson. She married Carew Gibson, and he preceded her in death July 1, 1985.

Mrs. Gibson was a homemaker.

Surviving are five daughters, Verna May "Fay" Gibson, Ollie Heileman, Ellen Conley and Barb Ferrell, all of Kendallville, and Deanna Belcher of Lisbon; three sons, Roy Lee Gibson and Tolbert Gibson, both of Kendallville, and Arnold Ray Gibson of Auburn; a brother, John Gibson of Kentucky; 23 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; 25 great-great-grandchildren; and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, a daughter, two granddaughters and one grandson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs, the Rev. Lee Combs, the Rev. Ron Stambaugh and the Rev. Jimmy Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 5-9 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and after 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Verda J. Ebert**, 86, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **John Herczeg**, 86, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-7 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Gerry Ann Finley**, 53, died Saturday. Graveside services at a later date. No calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Bessie Miller**, 68, died Saturday. Services at 7 p.m. today in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with calling there after 2 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Samuel Goodrich**, 40, died Thursday. Services were today in Holland, Mich.

COLUMBIA CITY — **James LeRoy Julian**, 77, died Friday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

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Evening Star, Tues Feb. 11, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

Jay Yarde

AVILLA — Jay R. Yarde, 72, died today at 3 a.m. in Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Yarde was a retired Jackson Township (DeKalb County) farmer and lived on Jim Dandy Street in Avilla. He was a construction supervisor for Gunsallus Construction in Kendallville for 23 years. He was a member of Operating Engineers Union Local 103.

He was born June 6, 1924, in Garrett to the late Roy and Ida (Van Wye) Yarde.

He married Joan Gorrell on May 19, 1945, in the Garrett Baptist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Connie Bry of Urbana, Ohio, and Carole Washler of Auburn; two sisters, Elsie Miller of Tavares, Fla., and Viola Hillegass of Kendallville; and six grandchildren, Jay and John Bry, Tricia Kirkpatrick, and Jeff, Jason and Josh Washler.

One brother, Arthur, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association.

Gary Jack

PLEASANT LAKE — Gary D. Jack, 44, of Pleasant Lake, died at noon Wednesday in an automobile-semi collision in Spartanburg, S.C.

A Hamilton High School graduate, he was a mechanic for Larry's Repair Service in Pleasant Lake and a used car salesman.

He was born Jan. 8, 1953, in Angola to Herman and Hazel (Worthington) Jack. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters, Carrie Jack of Angola and Anastasia Jack of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald of Angola and Larry of Pleasant Lake; and one grandson, Jacob.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger in 1995 and Walter in 1993; and one sister, Marcella Somerlott in 1989.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

A memorial service will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dorothy Slaybaugh

ANGOLA — Dorothy L. Slaybaugh, 69, died Sunday at 11:40 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was born April 4, 1927, in Steuben County to Floyd and Virgil (Worthington) Straw. She became a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Danny Slaybaugh of Fort Wayne, and David Slaybaugh of Butler; two daughters, Mary Slaybaugh of Angola, and Linda Lucarelli of Butler; two brothers, Melvin Straw of Fremont, and Lewis Straw of Churubusco; one sister, Margaret Snyder of Tennessee; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Sylvester Reinig

LEESBURG — Sylvester M. Reinig, 92, died Sunday at 4:20 a.m. in The Oaks at Columbia City.

Mr. Reinig was a farmer for most of his life, retiring in 1972. He was a charter member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and St. Vincent de Paul Society. He lived most of his life in Allen County.

He was born Sept. 18, 1904, in Waterloo to the late Michael and Gertrude (Schiffli) Reinig.

Surviving are one son, Virgil J. of Leo-Spencerville; four daughters, Helen M. Thiele, Arlene C. Roy and Lois G. Stoltz, all of Fort Wayne, and Carol Ann Redwanski of Morrison, Ill.; 18 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D.O., McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. A vigil service will take place Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Father George Kaminski will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

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The Evening Star, Wed., Feb. 12, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

Ryan Baldwin

SPENCERVILLE — Ryan J. Baldwin, 14, died Monday in Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He was an eighth-grade student at Woodlan Junior-Senior High School and a lifelong resident of Allen County.

He was born Dec. 26, 1982, in Fort Wayne to Dale and Lisa Baldwin. They survive in Spencerville.

Also surviving are one sister, Tracey Baldwin, at home; his grandparents, Joe and Joan Baldwin of Auburn, and Alan and Ann LaRowe, also of Auburn; and his great-grandparents, Vernon and Nellie Wiseman of Auburn, Elizabeth VanHorn of Fort Wayne, and Mildred Scott, also of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, State Road 37, Harlan.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church, Tonkel Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Harlan Park Association, Leukemia Society, or Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do.

Charles Pitzer

AUBURN — Charles Sed Pitzer, 79, died Tuesday at 8:45 p.m. in his home on Pearse Avenue, Auburn.

Mr. Pitzer was a junior high school guidance counselor in the DeKalb Central United School District from 1967 to 1979. Before that, he served as a teacher in Blackford, Delaware and Randolph counties. He was a member of Fort Wayne Calvary Temple and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association

He was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Muncie to the late Miller Mark and Elma (Neal) Pitzer.

He married Martha Golliher on March 29, 1947, in Modoc, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Pat Pitzer of St. Joe and Ron and Nance Pitzer of Noblesville; one brother, Miller Mark Pitzer Jr. of Muncie; and five grandchildren, Drew, Heidi, Austin, Megan and Rob Pitzer.

One brother, Walter, and one grandson, Ryan, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Garden of Memories in Muncie, with a graveside service Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to SpectraCare of DeKalb or the Eckhart Public Library.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Paul J. Saffian**, 74, died Saturday. Memorial services will be held at a later date. No calling.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 13, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

COLUMBIA CITY — **Don E. McManama**, 73, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Merle I. Lemmon**, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Evening Star, Fri, Feb 14, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

Orval Smith

WATERLOO — Orval E. Smith, 92, died Thursday at 1:25 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was a lifetime Richland Township farmer and formerly lived on County Road 28, Waterloo.

Mr. Smith was born May 13, 1904, in DeKalb County to the late Elmer and Nevada (Hampshere) Smith.

He married Bernice Nodine on Nov. 25, 1931, in Waterloo, and she died March 1, 1983.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Dana Smith of Waterloo; and two grandsons, Duane E. Smith of Charlotte, N.C., and Doug E. Smith of Fort Wayne.

Six brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Eleanor Lilley

ANGOLA — Eleanor M. Lilley, 79, died Wednesday at 11:25 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola.

She was born Aug. 22, 1917, in Rutherford, N.J., to Martin and Florence (Dunkerly) Patterson. On April 28, 1934, she married Walter F. Lilley Sr., and became a homemaker. Her husband preceded her in death in 1965.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Martin Patterson, in 1996; and one grandson, Dan Lilley, in 1988.

She is survived by one son, Walter F. Lilley Jr. of Angola; one daughter, Joan B. Shook of Angola; two brothers, Russell Patterson of California and Kenneth Patterson of Pennsylvania; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Father Robert St. Martin will officate.

No funeral service will be conducted locally. Interment will be in Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah, N.J.

Doris Roberts

PLEASANT LAKE — Doris Marietta Houlton Roberts, 99, died Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She attended Houlton Elementary School; graduated from Montgomery, Mich., High School; and attended Tri-State Normal College, Indiana University and Ball State University. She received an elementary teaching license. She was also the first student ever to register at the Indiana-Purdue University campus in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Pleasant Lake Extension Homemakers Club since 1943; a charter member of the Steuben County Senior Citizens; a charter member of the Steuben County Historical Society; a charter member of Mothers of World War II, having had three sons and three sons-in-law serve during the war; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; a charter member of the first group of Gray Ladies, Cameron Hospital; a member of the Pleasant Lake Rebekah Lodge 35; a member of the past Noble Grand Club; a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, having been a descendant of John Houlton Sr., the first settler of DeKalb County; and a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 30, 1897, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Jink and Myrta (Kepler) Houlton. On May 3, 1917, she married Clark A. Roberts, and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1959.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sons, Merwin, Verlin and Yost Roberts; two daughters, Roberta Alleshouse and Mavis Sattison; and two sisters, Alta Bailey and Melinda Patton.

She is survived by three daughters, Carma Griffith of Angola, Darlene Martson of Port Richey, Fla., and LuRayne Roehm of Fort Wayne; two sons, Blaine Roberts of Napoleon, Ohio, and Waylyn Roberts of Ossian; 34 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

Friends may call from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 3 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. The Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Historical Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ellis George Cox**, 85, died Thursday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

KENDALLVILLE — **Gertrude Berhalter Scott**, 98, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Visitation is one hour before services.

Evening Star, Sat, Feb 15, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

Lyston Searfoss

BUTLER — Lyston LeRoy Searfoss, 87, of East Oak Street, Butler, died Friday morning in New Port Richey, Fla.

Mr. Searfoss was active in civic and religious organizations and was a social worker and handyman for his friends and neighbors. He was employed at Warner Gear, Auburn, before retiring in 1971 with 25 years of service.

He was born March 29, 1909, in Butler, to John and Lodena Searfoss, who are deceased.

On June 9, 1962, he married Leeta Maier in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are: a son, Kim Searfoss of Greenback, Tenn.; two daughters, Gloria Hicks of Perrysville, Ohio, and Betty Enias of Holiday, Fla.; three stepsons, Kenneth Maier of Angola, Donald Maier of Fort Wayne, and James Maier of Florida; a stepdaughter, Mary Lou Freed of Auburn; a brother, Morris Searfoss of Walkerton; a sister, Ilah Shafer of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Winford Nessel

CORUNNA — Winford A.S. Nessel, 86, died Thursday at 11:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Nessel retired in 1973 with 20 years of service as a packaging specialist for the U.S. government in the Defense Electronics Supply Center. He was a 1928 graduate of Garrett High School and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He attended Purdue University for two years. He was a lifetime member-at-large of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was knighted as a knight of the Order of the Orange Nassau by Queen Wilhelmina in September 1945.

He was born Aug. 29, 1910, in DeKalb County to the late William and Elisabeth (Mangold) Nessel.

He married M. Ruth Workman on Oct. 15, 1949, in Kentland, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steven W. of Edgewood, N.M.; three daughters, Marilyn E. Nessel of Asuncion, Paraguay, South America, and Robin U. Nessel and Patricia E. Nessel-Aldrich, both of Corunna; three stepdaughters, Ruth A. Sass of Nashville, Tenn., Joanna Von Holten of Corunna and Jean Marie Smith of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister, Cordella Girardot, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Pickard of the Corunna Community Church officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery, with graveside services by the Kendallville post of VFW.

Memorial contributions may be given to Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

John Purdy

MESA, Ariz. — John T.K. Purdy, 49, died Wednesday at 10 a.m. in his home in Mesa, Ariz.

Mr. Purdy was a plumber by trade and a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Sept. 4, 1947, in Auburn to the late Dale D. and Thelma D. (Sproat) Purdy.

Surviving him are three brothers, Dale E. of Mesa, Danny of Bluffton and Rick of Butler; and four sisters, Delores Etheridge of Montpelier, Ind., Maxine Henson of Gilbert, Ariz., Ardola Christlieb of Bluffton and Barbara Gauthier of Las Vegas, Nev.

One brother, Jack, and one sister, Joyce, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Monday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Harold Wilcoxson

LEWISTON, Mich. — Harold W. Wilcoxson, 82, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Feb. 8 in Otsego Memorial Hospital, Gaylord, Mich.

A native of Wells County, he previously worked as a truck driver at the Kroger warehouse in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, Kenneth of Auburn; a daughter, Joan Tomlinson of Warren, Mich.; a sister, Berniece Schneider of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday with arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord, Mich. Burial was in Albert Township Cemetery, Lewiston.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children or to the Congregational United Church of Christ, Lewiston.

Gerald Swank

ANGOLA — Gerald G. Swank, 64, died Thursday at Carlin Park Nursing Home.

He was born April 4, 1932, in Fort Wayne, to Leslie E. and Frances (Buewell) Swank. On Nov. 22, 1962, in Coldwater, Mich., he married Phyllis Huth, who survives.

The Hamilton resident worked for Falstaff Brewery for 28 years and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving along with his wife are one son, Bernie Blackman of Auburn; one brother, Jim Swank of Reno, Nev.; and three sisters, Katherine Frobe, Barbara Engle and Sandra Pfeiffer, all of Fort Wayne.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Jude's Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Preferred memorials are to the Cancer Society of Steuben County, Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department or Masses.

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Richard Parker

ST. JOE — Richard E. Parker, 61, of St. Joe, died Sunday at 11:20 a.m. at his brother's home in Angola.

Mr. Parker had worked for more than 25 years for PIE Trucking Co. as a driver. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of Teamsters Local 414 for 40 years.

Mr. Parker was born July 1, 1935, in Allen County to Edward and Esther (Warner) Parker, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Billy Joe Parker and David Parker, both of Butler; a daughter, Candy Sue Hartman of Auburn; a brother, Thomas Parker of Angola; and three grandchildren.

There will be no funeral service or visitation. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Georgia Melchi

WATERLOO — Georgia A. Melchi, 66, of Knoll Creek Drive, Waterloo, died Saturday at 4:45 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Melchi was employed at the Glen Oaks Nursing Home, Auburn, before retiring in the 1980s.

She was born May 4, 1929, in Garrett to Harry and Alice (Roberson) Lower. Her parents are deceased.

On Oct. 7, 1950, she married Russell Melchi in Auburn and he survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are one son, Jerry Oberlin of Auburn; one daughter, Teresa Kistler of Auburn; one brother, Arnold Lower of Auburn; two sisters, Violet Fee of Ray, Mich., and Pauline Lutz of Waterloo; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina Rhodes, a granddaughter, Tasha Rhodes, and a sister, Martha Krick.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Ray Carter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Glenn Schutt

LAGRANGE — Glenn F. Schutt, 85, of LaGrange, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was born Sept. 19, 1911, in Noble County to Clarence and Inez (Beckley) Schutt. On Jan. 2, 1937, in Auburn, he married Leila V. Cleland. She survives.

Mr. Schutt moved from Albion to LaGrange in 1937. He retired as custodian with Lakeland School Corp., LaGrange.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Maretha) McCoy of Martinsville; two sons, Wayne A. Schutt of Kendallville, and Gene F. Schutt of Avilla; a granddaughter, Teresa Schutt of Fort Wayne, whom he and his wife raised; three sisters, Gladys Sellers of Angola, Marjorie Gappinger of Albion, and Alice Freeman of Avilla; a brother, Everett Schutt of Avilla; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County 4-H Association.

Clayton Warner

AUBURN — Clayton "Buzz" Warner, 84, of North McClellan Street, Auburn, died Saturday at 2:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Warner was employed for 20 years by the New York Central Railroad before retiring in 1969. He also was a self-employed barber in Fort Wayne for several years. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 1, 1912, in Waterloo to Arthur and Almeda (Korn) Warner. His parents are deceased.

On Aug. 18, 1937 he married Mary Heigh. She died July 27, 1995.

He is survived by one daughter, Carole Hampel of Butler; three grandchildren, Charles Edward Hampel, Frederick Lee Hampel, and Amy Louise Hampel; and one great-granddaughter, Libby Jean Louise Hampel.

Private graveside services will be conducted in Waterloo Cemetery at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Myers

LAGRANGE — Phyllis C. Myers, 69, of LaGrange, died Sunday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was born April 18, 1927, in Topeka to Irvin and Ella (Moseman) Faught. On Dec. 14, 1946, in LaGrange, she married Max M. Myers. He survives.

Mrs. Myers, a homemaker, moved from Goshen to LaGrange in 1983. She was a member of LaGrange County Country Club where she was an avid golfer.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Steven (Pamela) Dunlap of Angola; two sons, James I. Myers of Angola, and Michael M. Myers of LaGrange; seven sisters, Mrs. Clayton (Imogene) Preston of Syracuse, and Kate Preston, Joan Keplinger, Mrs. Dean (Jane) Ulrey and Mrs. Thomas (Janice) Keenan, all of LaGrange, Helen Woodworth of Topeka, and Mrs. Gene (Ilah) Donaldson of Ligonier; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Corey Myers, in 1981.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Denver Preston officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Homebound Health Care — LaGrange.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Richard J. Schlichtenmyer**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Grace A. Conley**, 58, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with calling 11 a.m.-8 p.m. today in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Ruth L. Shock**, 80, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 7:30-9 p.m. today.

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R. Virginia Shaw

HAMILTON — R. Virginia Shaw, 81, died Monday at 7:36 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb health care center in Butler.

Mrs. Shaw was a homemaker and formerly lived in Depot Place Apartments in Hamilton. She was a member of Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

She was born Aug. 12, 1915, in Garrett to the late Conrad and Catherine (Eberle) Schomberg.

She married Vernon F. Shaw on Oct. 31, 1932, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Barbara Ann Wells of Hamilton; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Walter and William Schomberg, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Leitzel of Hamilton Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hamilton Wesleyan Missions.

Louise Kloepper

FORT WAYNE — Louise S. Kloepper, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Golden Years Homestead.

A native of St. Joe Township, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Hermann of New Haven; four sons, Mike Kloepper of Fort Wayne, Joel Kloepper of Pleasant Lake, Carl F. Kloepper of Wolf Lake, and Dave Kloepper of Berne; a sister, Lenora Krueckeberg of Decatur; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Carl A. Kloepper, preceded her in death in 1974.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd. Burial will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Lawrence Rathert

AUBURN — Lawrence H. "Larry" Rathert, 77, died Monday at 7:30 p.m. in his Auburn home. He was a former Waterloo resident.

Mr. Rathert helped build Kitchen Quip in Waterloo in 1948 and 1949 and worked there for 32 years as one of the first employees hired. He was a foreman in the press room for 31 years. He retired in 1981.

He was a former member of the Butler Eagles Lodge and was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566.

He was born July 4, 1919, in Illiad, Mont., to the late Henry and Edith (Swanson) Rathert.

He married Eleanora "Kelly" (Haifley) Rathert on Jan. 31, 1962, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, and she survives.

Surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Fremont Winchell of Hillsdale, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Laura Rathert of Angola and Larry and Doshia Rathert of Sturgis, Mich.; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Michael, on Dec. 10, 1996; and four brothers, Leonard, Warren "Bud," Henry Dale "Babe," and Stanley.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Harvey Huntley, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, and the Rev. Jeremy Russell, associate pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or Auburn Lions Club Little League.

Alice Mayne

WATERLOO — Alice E. Mayne, 88, died Monday at 8:43 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Mayne was a homemaker and lived on North Wayne Street in Waterloo. She was a member of Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and the Waterloo Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Dec. 14, 1908, in Auburn to the late Levi and Ida (Smurr) Barnhart.

She married Charles W. Mayne on June 1, 1941, in Waterloo and he died Nov. 26, 1984.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mary Hewitt of Clinton, Ohio, and Marcia Mayne of Prince Edward Island, Canada; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. Paul Burrus, pastor of Indian Village Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Noel A. Smith**, 83, died Sunday. Arrangements pending in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

HUNTERTOWN — **James L. Carter** was stillborn Saturday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6600 Covington Road.

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Sandra Kunce

ANGOLA — Sandra L. Kunce, 53, of Angola, died Monday at 7:30 p.m. at her home.

She was born Nov. 8, 1943, in Angola to Harry and Vera June (Cope) Zimmerman, who survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are her ex-husband, LeRoy Kunce; three daughters, Roxanne Seslar, Rhonda Kunce and Renee Kunce, all of Angola; two brothers, Dennis Zimmerman and Robert Zimmerman, both of Angola; two sisters, Kay Weller and Paula Estep, both of Angola; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Zimmerman and Jimmy Zimmerman, and one sister, Donna Sue Zimmerman.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Hollister Cemetery, Salem Township, Steuben County.

Richard Haynes

PLEASANT LAKE — Richard C. Haynes, 68, died Tuesday at 6:55 p.m. in his Pleasant Lake home.

Mr. Haynes retired in 1990 as a mechanic with 35 years of service at Dailey Motor Sales, now Helmkamp Inc. He was a 1946 graduate of Auburn High School and served in the U.S. Air Force in the Korean conflict. He was first vice commander of Angola American Legion Post 31, and a member of Angola Moose Lodge 1568 and the Quiet Bird Men of Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 4, 1928, in Auburn to the late Jay E. and Ruth M. (Snyder) Haynes.

He married Connie L. Rose on June 17, 1966, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Phillip Bryan of Beaumont, Calif.; two daughters, Sue A. Geeting of Auburn and Debbie J. McDonald of Rome City; one brother, Robert of Clearwater, Fla.; four grandchildren, Heather Geeting, Kristy Kelley, and Aaron and Carrie Bauman; four stepgrandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by the Angola post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cameron Memorial Hospice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Lois M. "Rusty" Wilkins** 69, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Melba I. Morr**, 80, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Noel A. Smith**, 83, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home.

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Anna Garton

AUBURN — Anna L. Garton, 86, died Wednesday at 3:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had resided for six months.

Mrs. Garton was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Wells County. She had lived in Auburn for the past 10 years. She was named an Indiana Hoosier in 1985. She was founder of the Gold Teens in Wells County and was a member of the Wells County Mental Health Association.

She was born Feb. 1, 1911, in Roanoke to the late James and Grace (Shank) Dubbs.

She married Lawrence W. Garton on June 11, 1928, in Bluffton, and he died April 5, 1977.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara J. Rowe of Auburn; one son, Lawrence K. of Maxwell; and seven grandchildren, Keith Bunch, Karen Pfister and Kathy Refner, all of Auburn, Kent Bunch of Milford, and Lance Garton, Clark Garton and Leslie Garton, all of Maxwell.

One great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. William Lyne of the Auburn Missionary Church will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, with a graveside service at 12:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Juanita Ireland

HUDSON — Juanita P. Ireland, 87, died Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. in Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Ireland owned and operated two variety stores in South Bend in the 1970s, and formerly owned and operated the Ireland 5 Cents to $1 Store in Waterloo, closing it in 1976. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the Rose Croy Order of Eastern Star in South Bend. She lived on Big Turkey Lake, rural Hudson.

She was born Jan. 31, 1910, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, to the late Charles A. and Helen (Burk) Smith.

She married Kenneth F. Ireland on June 15, 1931, in South Bend, and he died Aug. 24, 1975.

Surviving are one daughter, Shelia Pierce of Greensburg; one brother, Wellington Smith of Millville, N.J.; and two grandchildren, Yvonne Pierce and Kenneth Pierce.

One sister and three brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Barbara Rose

FORT WAYNE — Barbara Reed Rose, 68, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday in Byron Health Care Center.

A homemaker, she was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

She was the daughter of the late Robert Reed, sports editor for the Journal-Gazette.

Surviving are a son, David Rose of Avilla; and a brother, Richard Reed of Angola.

Private services will be held in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Lake Council, 207 Hoosier Drive, Suite 2A, Angola 46703.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Peggy A. Turpin**, 28, died Tuesday. Private services in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Clarence V. Birch**, 89, died Tuesday. Services at noon Saturday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Donnabelle R. Grimes**, 75, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Rochester.

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Wayne Leland

GARRETT — Wayne L. Leland, 70, of Garrett, died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 7, 1926, in Jamestown, to Ezra and Bertha (Coptes) Leland. He married Ruth M. Anthony on Dec. 7, 1981 in Garrett. She survives.

He was employed in construction and was a self-employed carpenter most of his life. Most recently he had worked for Indiana Log Homes for several years. He was a World War II veteran and was past commander and a lifetime member of Garrett VFW Post 1892.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Wayne Leland Jr. of Newport Richey, Fla., Leroy Leland of Muskegon, Mich., and Robert Leland of Coldwater, Mich.; three daughters, Patty Leland of Garrett, Florence Padgett of St. Joe, and June Collins of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Joyce Fugate of Garrett; a stepson, Willis "Bill" Hecht of Westville; 18 grandchildren; a brother, Lewis Leland of Lakeland, Fla.; a sister, Louise Sherman of Pierceton; and several nieces and nephews.

Military graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna, with the Rev. Rodney Buzzard officiating.

There is no visitation.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements by McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

James Lavender

ANGOLA — James E. Lavender, 61, of Angola, died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Port Clinton, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1936, to James and Leila (Farling) Lavender. On May 18, 1985, in Hudson, he married Carrie Cutler. She survives.

Mr. Lavender had lived in Angola since 1985. He was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are a sister, Mrs. Joe (Joy) Shire of Hudson; a brother, Donald Lavender of California; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is from noon until services at the funeral home where Moose memorial services will be held at 1 p.m.

Andrea Honaker

CORUNNA — Andrea Lynn Honaker, 53, of Corunna, died unexpectedly at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1943, to Harry and Mabel (Keyes) Smith. Her father survives in Toledo. On Dec. 23, 1977, in Auburn, she married James Honaker. He also survives.

Mrs. Honaker moved to this area 20 years ago from Toledo. She was secretary/treasurer of Sycamore Pallets in Corunna.

Surviving with her husband and father are three daughters, Cindy Barnes of Angola, Dawn Ulch of Corunna, and Jody Liebing of Rome City; a brother, Brian Smith of California; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral services will be at noon Sunday in Wolcottville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. David Tripp officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Preferred memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Ralph Felger**, 84, died at 9:50 a.m. Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Monday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Helbert

ST. JOE — Robert F. Helbert, 79, died Saturday at 5:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he had been a patient for two days.

Mr. Helbert retired in June 1979 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne with 36 years of service. He lived on DeKalb County Road 79-A. He was a member of Concord Masonic Lodge 556 in Spencerville, Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne and the American Bowling Congress. He had attended school in Huntertown.

He was born June 16, 1917, in DeKalb County to the late Perle and Pearl (Moss) Helbert.

He married Virginia Rose Ayers on July 22, 1944, in Crestline, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cheryl Staley of Waterloo and Nancy Lapp of Butler; three sons, Dennis and Danny, both of Butler, and Donel of Auburn; two brothers, Glen of Garrett and Robert Guy of Fresno, Calif.; one sister, Kathryn Taylor of New Haven; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Baron and Burt, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Concord Masonic Lodge will conduct services tonight at in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Disease Research.

Milton Hamman

ALBION — Milton H. Hamman, 83, of Albion, died at 8 a.m. Sunday in his home.

He was born June 16, 1913, in Hamilton to Gilbert and Bertha (Gall) Hamman. On Nov. 28, 1935, in Edgerton, Ohio, he married Vera Myer. She preceded him in death in 1961. On Oct. 29, 1972, in Albion, he married Kathleen Sorgenfrei. She survives.

Mr. Hamman was a 1933 graduate of Hamilton High School and had lived in Albion since 1972, moving from Butler. He was retired in 1976 as a meter man for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion Masonic Lodge No. 97, Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Valley, a past master of Forrest Masonic Lodge No. 239 and had been a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge. He was also a past member of Albion Lions Club, Noble County AARP No. 1400, former Albion Town Board member and a former member of Butler Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Mrs. William (Jacqueline) Bowen of Ithaca, Mich.; two stepsons, Jerry Sorgenfrei of Tampa, Fla., and Dennis Sorgenfrei of Huntertown; two brothers, Marion Hamman of Kendallville, and Martin Hamman of Auburn; five grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edward Hamman, and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Albion, where Masonic services will be at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. There also will be calling one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to CompreCare Home Health of Noble County.

Harry Raudenbush

MONROE — Harry D. Raudenbush, 80, died Friday at 3:10 p.m. in Columbia Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

He was a farmer in Blue Creek Township, Adams County, for 32 years. He was a former manager of Sohigro Fertilizer in Adams County, and the Kaiser Fertilizer and Taloma Fertilizer plants. He retired in 1976 as a custodian for Adams Central Schools.

Mr. Raudenbush was a member of the First Church of God in Sarasota and a former member of Adams Central school board, serving as president for seven years.

He was born Feb. 9, 1917, in Adams County to the late Rolla E. and Lulu (Meyer) Raudenbush.

He married Mary Ellen Doran on Nov. 13, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, June Elaine Steffen of Auburn, Melinda Lu Lehman of Berne, Diane Sue Kettleborough of Divide, Colo., and Leesa Dale Rendeczky of Sarasota; one son, Michael R. of Petaluma, Calif.; two brothers, Don N. and Noble, both of Decatur; 10 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Patrick, in 1983, and one brother, Dwight.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in Zwick-Zefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Thomas Douglas officiating. Burial will be in Backesto Cemetery in Adams County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Church of God, Sarasota.

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Deaths/Funerals

Francis Brumbaugh

GARRETT — Francis "Gene" Brumbaugh, 62, died Friday at 2 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Brumbaugh was a 30-year employee of Navistar in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1992. He served in the Army National Guard for six years.

He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, the Sons of the American Legion Garrett Post and the Auburn Arts Commission. He was a charter member of the Hoosier Houdinis.

He was born Nov. 30, 1934, in Butler Township, DeKalb County, to Harry D. and Mary E. (Ober) Brumbaugh. His parents are deceased.

On Aug. 29, 1959, he married Linda Hixson in Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Scot, Douglas and Richard Brumbaugh, all of Garrett; one sister, Dorothy Hall of Elkhart; and three granddaughters, Alisha, Amanda and Amber Brumbaugh, all of Garrett.

Private graveside services will take place Monday in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. John McFarland of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren officiating.

There will be no calling. Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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Evening Star, Mon, Feb. 24, 1997 (cont'd)

Farley Tygrett

FREMONT — Farley Ray Tygrett, 39, died Saturday at 6:45 p.m. in his Fremont home.

He was employed by a construction company in California.

He was born Dec. 21, 1957, in Detroit to Vernon Ray and Patricia (Kholman) Tygrett. He was preceded in death by his mother.

He is survived by one sister, Donna Bond of Fremont; and several neices and nephews.

There will be no visitation or services. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Robert S. Shook

FORT WAYNE — Robert S. Shook, 84, died Friday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville.

A Fort Wayne native, he retired in 1975 from Norfolk & Southern Railroad after 39 years.

Surviving are three sons, Sheridan R. Shook of Auburn, David R. Shook of Rome City, and Kenneth C. Shook of Indianapolis; a daughter, Janet L. Howard of Naples, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at 10 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Preferred memorials are to First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL - **Robert Gene Thompson**, 62, died Friday. Graveside services were today in Adams Cemetery, Whitley County.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Leslie E. Dubois**, 84, died Friday. No services or calling.

The Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 25, 1997

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Larry Allen Herendeen**, 59, died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Indianapolis. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary Ellen Workman**, 91, died Monday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Vera Marie Bridge**, 82, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in First Church of God, Columbia City. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Josephine M. Glass**, 96, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Son Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there from 5-7 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Wacilo A. Mast**, 77, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Warsaw.

NEW HAVEN — **Sara Warren Brown**, 75, died Monday. Private services. Calling 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

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Deaths/Funerals

Jack Bohlander

MILTON — Jack W. Bohlander, 64, of Milton, died Tuesday at Reid Hospital in Richmond following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Bohlander established, owned and operated Poor Jack Amusements, Indiana's largest carnival, for 31 years. His company provided rides and attractions for the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair each year.

A longtime Milton area resident, Mr. Bohlander graduated from Milton High School in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army for two years, and served on the Western Wayne School Board for 16 years. He was a member of the Milton Christian Church where he served as deacon, trustee and church board chairman.

He was a former associate director of the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs. He was a member of the Outdoor Amusement Business of America, the International Independent Showmen Association and the Showmen's League of America, the St. Louis and Chicago chapters.

He was born in Brookville on July 1, 1932, to the late Harold "Boots" and Jeannette "Nettie" (Rodgers) Bohlander.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Patricia L. (Wilson) Bohlander; two sons, Gary and Tim Bohlander, both of Cambridge City; three daughters, Nancy Frost of Hagerstown, and Kelly Horner and Becky Wampler, both of Cambridge City; a sister, Betty Dance of Apollo Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Robert Bohlander of Milton and Jerry Bohlander of Gibsonton, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and seven nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Waskom-Howard-Fisher Capitol Hill Chapel in Cambridge City.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Westside Cemetery, Milton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Milton Christian Church or the American Cancer Society.

Harvey Hochstetler Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Harvey Hochstetler Jr., 75, died Monday at 12:25 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hochstetler retired in 1991 as an order entry coordinator with Slater Steel Co., where he worked 45 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 7, 1921, in Garrett to Harvey and Ethel (Heckaman) Hochstetler.

One brother, Paul D., survives in Nappanee.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thompson & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ken Hunn officiating. Burial will be in South Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Brethren Church, Nappanee.

Lyston Searfoss

AUBURN — A memorial service for Lyston Searfoss, 87, will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Alliance Church, at Iwo Street and County Road 46-A.

Mr. Searfoss died Feb. 14 in New Port Richey, Fla.

The Rev. Jim Welch, pastor of the church, will officiate at the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the church building fund. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Searfoss resided on Old Brick Road in Auburn and formerly lived on East Oak Street in Butler. He retired in 1971 from Warner Gear, Auburn, with 25 years of service. He was active in civic and religious organizations and was a social worker and handyman for friends and neighbors.

He was born March 29, 1909, in Butler to the late John and Lodena Searfoss.

He married Leeta Maier on June 9, 1962, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kim of Greenback, Tenn.; two daughters, Gloria Hicks of Perrysville, Ohio, and Betty Enias of Holiday, Fla.; three stepsons, Kenneth Maier of Angola, Donald Maier of Fort Wayne, and James Maier of Florida; a stepdaughter, Mary Lou Freed of Auburn; one brother, Morris of Walkerton; a sister, Ilah Shafer of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and two grandchildren.

Norman Elkins

FORT WAYNE — Norman Lee Elkins, 63, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday in Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Tarpon Springs.

A Fort Wayne native, he retired from Slater Steel after 28 years.

Surviving are two sons, Norman Elkins Jr. of Spencerville and Steven E. Elkins of Auburn; three daughters, Cindy Nobles of Oliver Lake, Sandy Berger of Fort Wayne, and Jeannette Gage of Huntington; three brothers, Bryce Elkins of Columbia City, and Roy Elkins and Bill Elkins, both of Tarpon Springs; four sisters, Ruth Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, and Mary McCoy, Lanetta Williams and Eva Elkins, all of Sherwood, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 3-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Stoner Landes

CHILI, Ind. — Mildred Ann Stoner Landes, 91, died Wednesday at 11:35 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in Peru, Ind.

Mrs. Landes was treasurer of the North Miami School Corp. for 17 years, retiring in 1970. She was a member of the Chili United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women. She was a 50-year member of the Macy chapter of Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Macy Past Matrons Club.

She was born July 8, 1905, in Wabash County to the late Otis and Viola (Smith) Philabaum.

She married Noah Frederick Stoner on June 24, 1923, and he died Nov. 1, 1954. She then married Howard Landes on July 1, 1961, and he died April 6, 1988.

Surviving are one son, Merrill F. Stoner of Peru; one stepson, Forrest Landes of Auburn; one sister, Dorothy Cole of Denver; two grandsons, two stepgrandsons and five stepgreat-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Howard Philabaum, and one stepson, Lewis Landes, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. in McClain Funeral Home in Denver, Ind.

Services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. James R. Newton officiating. Burial will be in the Chili Cemetery.

Mary Thomas

FANCY FARM, Ky. — Mary Alice Thomas, 92, died Feb. 20 at 3 a.m. in Fancy Farm, Ky. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Thomas was born July 14, 1904, in Fancy Farm.

Surviving her are her husband of 73 years, Alton Thomas; eight children, including Nettie Marshall of Auburn; 33 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

One son preceded her in death in 1995.

Services were conducted Feb. 22 in Fancy Farm.

Julian Kline

FORT WAYNE — Julian E. "Jules" Kline, 84, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday in his home.

He was born in New Haven and was a retired self-employed accountant. He was a Republican precinct committeeman for 26 years and served eight terms as state party delegate.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie J.; a son, William Kline of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Judith Vaughn of Gaines, Mich., and Norma Robb, Eva Suelzer, and Alice Stewart, all of Fort Wayne; six brothers, Luis Kline of Rome City, Orville Kline of Florida, James Kline of Wolcottville, and Amos Kline, Maurice Kline and Paul Kline, all of New Haven; five sisters, Mary Newport of Spencerville, Nonna Gels of Decatur, Eileen Sarrazine, Mickie Beckman and Alma Gevers, all of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Andre's Catholic Church, 2610 New Haven Ave. Burial will be in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurses Service & Hospice.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **John D. Emerson**, 95, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there after 9 a.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Lowell 'Bud' Leland

GARRETT — Lowell D. "Bud" Leland, 68, died Thursday at 8:10 a.m. in his Garrett home.

He was employed as a mechanic at Yoder Ford in Garrett for 13 years and was a U. S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

Mr. Leland was born March 3, 1928, in Fremont to Leo C. and Thelma J. (Hughes) Leland, who are deceased.

His first wife, Francis, preceded him in death in 1978. He married his second wife, Patsy Jean (Boyle), on July 1, 1978, in Garrett and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald D. of Waterloo and Jesse L. of Garrett; two daughters, Dianna M. Richardson of Waterloo and Gloria A. Leland of Auburn; one stepson, Robert Leland of Coldwater, Mich.; three stepdaughters, Patty Leland of Garrett, Florance Padgett of St. Joe and June Collins of Ligonier; two brothers, Robert and Allan, both of Angola; six grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 10:30-11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Graveside services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Sedan Cemetery, with the Rev. Alan Gibson, associate pastor of the Auburn Church of the Nzarene, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of Dianna M. Richardson.

Margaret Mary Junk

AUBURN — Margaret Mary Junk, 87, of County Road 35, Auburn, died today at 2:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Junk retired from teaching in 1972. She taught grade school for 44 years at elementary schools in Jackson Township, Waterloo and Auburn. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, the National Education Association, the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Legion of Mary.

She was born Jan. 9, 1910, in Crawfordsville to the late John L. Kelly and Mary (Weise) Kelly.

She married Kenneth F. Junk on July 23, 1949, in Auburn. He survives.

Mrs. Junk was preceded in death by a brother, John Kelly, and a sister, Ruth Carteaux.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and after 9 a.m. Monday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in the church. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, or the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

Vada Seeman

ANGOLA — Vada M. Seeman, 87, died Thursday at 11:20 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Seeman had worked as a nurse's aide at Angola Nursing Home.

She was born July 25, 1909, in Angola to John and Maggie (Wilsey) Berlien, who preceded her in death.

In 1928, she married Virgil Seeman. He died Sept. 16, 1957.

Surviving are two sons, Larry "Sam" Seeman of Angola and Richard Seeman of Montpelier, Ohio; two daughters, Doris M. Teegardin of Angola and Judy Cobb of Ypsilanti, Mich.; 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren and two great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, Grace Ireland, Martha Rakestraw, Thelma Landis, Isabelle Libey and Zora Rudolph.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Bowman officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Jennifer Mae Nix**, 15, died Thursday. Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

LARWILL — **F. Lynn Sroufe**, 40, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Larry Aldrich

HAMILTON — Larry L. Aldrich, 62, died Thursday at Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Aldrich owned Aldrich Plumbing & Heating in Hamilton. He was a member of the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, Hamilton Fish & Game Club, and Hamilton Lions Club. He was a Steuben County native.

He is survived by his wife, Alice R. (Everitt) Aldrich; three sons, Larry Jr. of Tulsa, Okla., Eric of Angola and Neil of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Eugene of Fort Wayne, Wayne of Angola, Clifford of Roswell, N.M., and Bruce and Lynn, both of Hamilton; four sisters, Lois Johnston and Carol Lu Stultz, both of Hamilton, Mina Palmer of Waterloo and Ann Kline of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, two brothers and four sisters.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-9 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton. An Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association memorial service will be conducted Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will take place Monday at 1 p.m. in the Hamilton Church of Christ. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department or Hamilton Church of Christ.

Margaret Mary Junk

AUBURN — A rosary service for Margaret Mary Junk will be conducted Sunday at 5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Mrs. Junk, 87, of County Road 35, Auburn, died Friday at 2:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home and after 9 a.m. Monday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Monday in the church. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Elvin H. Newman**, 72, of LaGrange, died Thursday at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange. Services at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Visitation at 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **Karl J. Spicer**, 84, of Ligonier, died Thursday at the Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne. Calling is 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

William Schaab

AUBURN — William Croxton Schaab, 70, of Auburn, died Friday at 7:45 p.m. in his home on North McClellan Street.

Mr. Schaab owned and operated W.C. Schaab Insurance Co. in Auburn. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He attended Northwestern University and Indiana University and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

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He was a charter member of the Auburn Elks Lodge, a 50-year member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, a life member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, and a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, Greenhurst Country Club, and the DeKalb County Rod and Gun Association.

He was born in DeKalb County on Nov. 19, 1926, to the late William K. and Marian (Croxton) Schaab.

On Sept. 2, 1952, he married Roberta Little. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, William Schaab, and daughter-in-law, Kim Schaab, of Auburn; a daughter, Elizabeth Shepherd, and son-in-law, Haskel Shepherd, of Auburn; a brother, Dr. Eric Schaab of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barbara Crowl of Farmington Hills, Mich.; two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Mandy Shepherd; and two step-grandchildren, Joseph O'Dell Shepherd and Lori Wiedenhoeft.

One son, William Kenneth Schaab II, preceded him in death.

The family will receive friends today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will take place Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Roland Munger

FREMONT — Roland W. Munger, 83, died Saturday at 2:45 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

He was a farmer and a maintenance man at Pokagon State Park and a member of Angola Nazarene Church.

He was born Dec. 22, 1913, in Ashley to Ernest and Leona (Wilcox) Munger.

On Aug. 12, 1936, he married Maxine (Fisher) Munger. She survives him in Fremont.

He is also survived by two sons, Donald Munger of Peru and Marvin Munger of Zion, Ill; two sisters, Shirley Wooster of Orland and Wanda Myers of Waterloo; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Wauneta Jackson.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Jamestown Township, Steuben County.

Nancy Flanagan

KENDALLVILLE — Nancy Lee Flanagan, 77, formerly of The Lamplighter, Kendallville, died at 8:45 p.m. Saturday in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

She was born in Carrie, Ky., Dec. 4, 1919, to Marion and Alice (Parks) Cornett. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are four daughters, Alberta Steffe of Auburn, Barbara Jefferson of Albion, Anna Sue Ryan of Bishop, Ga., and Doris Patrick of Wolf Lake; two sons, Ray Slone of Stroh, and Roy Slone of Kendallville; five sisters, Grace Fugate of Carrie, and Winner McClane and Shirley Mullins, both of Sassafras, Ky., Gertrude Smith of Hindman, Ky., and Luna Kelley of Hazard, Ky.; two brothers, Benton Cornett of Rowdy, Ky., and Mark Cornett of Sassafras; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Wolf Lake.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Milo C. Troyer**, 94, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Presbyterian Church, Albion, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

CHURUBUSCO — **Connie L. Roop**, 64, died Saturday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and -8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

CROMWELL — **Franklin E. Lye Cool**, 83, died Saturday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

HOWE — **Wendell C. "Chet" Stanner**, 85, died Friday. Services were today in Howe.

KENDALLVILLE — **Carol J. Ramer**, 58, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Lewis Calvin Knepper**, 93, died Saturday. No services or calling.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Edward R. Harper**, 69, died Friday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **Kathryn Goldman**, 91, died Sunday. Graveside services will be held Tuesday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Irene Carpenter**, 93, died Thursday. Services were today in Muncie.

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Deaths/Funerals

Irene Freed

WATERLOO — Irene L. Freed, 81, died Monday at 9:05 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was an assembler at Electric Motors & Specialities in Garrett for 12 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Church of the Cornerstone in Auburn.

She was born July 4, 1915, in DeKalb County to the late Adam and Harriett (Winebrenner) Treesh.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlotte Dohner of Auburn; two brothers, Dail Treesh of Waterloo and Paul Treesh of Goshen; one sister, Ethel Logan of Auburn; two grandchildren, Joan Dohner and Keith Dohner, and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dean Woolard, pastor of the Church of the Cornerstone, will officiate, with burial in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Robert Holmes

SYRACUSE — Robert L. Holmes, 60, died Sunday at 9:30 p.m. at his home on North Forrest Drive, Syracuse.

Mr. Holmes was a machine operator for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 17 years, retiring in 1977. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean conflict. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and the Albion Eagles Lodge. He formerly lived in DeKalb County.

He was born Nov. 17, 1936, in Huntington to the late Ronald C. Holmes Sr. and Eva (Blazer) Holmes.

Surviving are one daughter, Laura L. Giltner of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Ronald C. Jr. of Auburn and James F. of Butler; two sisters, Hazel Kimmel of Auburn and Diane McGee of Tulsa, Okla.; and three grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Catherine Giltner.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate, with burial in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Sharon Gowthrop

ANGOLA — Sharon Louise Gowthrop, 41, died Monday at 5:57 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gowthrop was a department manager at the Angola Wal-Mart store.

She was born May 14, 1955, in Morgantown, W.Va., to Albert and Marshlene (Yocum) Goodwin Sr.

On May 21, 1995, she married Michael Gowthrop.

She is survived by her parents; her husband; a maternal grandmother, Letha Yocum of Cassville, W.Va.; one daughter, Dawn Michelle Gartner of Newark, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Tracy Muterspaugh of Montpelier, Ohio; four brothers, James Goodwin of Morgantown, W.Va., Pete Goodwin of Angola, Richard Goodwin of Lebanon, Ohio, and Jeff Goodwin of Newark, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Mount Morris Assembly of God, Mount Morris, Pa. Burial will be in Cedar Groves Cemetery, Mount Morris.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Maymie L. Maley**, 91, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Pierceton.

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Deaths/Funerals

Patricia Hofferman

GARRETT — Patricia L. Hofferman, 41, died Tuesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a cook at J.O.'s Canteena in Garrett for three months. She lived on East Quincy Street in Garrett.

She was born April 18, 1955, in Garrett to Billy C. and Dolores L. (Prickett) Hofferman. Her father survives in Garrett and her mother is deceased.

Also surviving are one daughter, Pamela Burns of Fort Wayne; one son, Thomas Hofferman of Garrett; one brother, Mike Hofferman of Auburn; one sister, Debra Jones of Ashley; and one grandson.

A daughter, Tammy Hofferman, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Sharon Gowthrop

ANGOLA — Sharon Louise Gowthrop, 41, died Monday at 5:57 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a department manager at the Angola Wal-Mart store.

She was born May 14, 1955, in Morgantown, W.Va., to Albert and Marshlene (Yocum) Goodwin Sr. On May 21, 1995, she married Michael Gowthrop. They all survive her.

She is survived by her parents; her husband; a maternal grandmother, Letha Yocum of Cassville, W.Va.; one daughter, Dawn Michelle Gartner of Newark, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Tracy Muterspaugh of Montpelier, Ohio; four brothers, James Goodwin of Morgantown, W.Va., Pete Goodwin of Angola, Richard Goodwin of Lebanon, Ohio, and Jeff Goodwin of Newark, Ohio; a sister, Cindy Barnes of Newark, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mount Morris Assembly of God, Mount Morris, Pa. Burial will be in Cedar Groves Cemetery, Mount Morris.

Ann Graber

INDIANAPOLIS — Ann M. Lehman Graber, 54, died Monday at 6:35 a.m. in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Graber was a missionary nurse for 17 years with World Gospel Mission, serving in Kenya, Somalia, Southern Sudan, and Rwanda. She was a graduate of the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne and was a member of the University Heights United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

She was born June 13, 1942, in Lancaster County, Pa., to the late Sylvan S. and Selma (Yoder) Lehman.

She married Dr. Marty Graber on Dec. 5, 1970, in Indianapolis, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael, a junior at Taylor University in Upland; one daughter, Michelle Graber of Indianapolis; two stepsons, Greg Graber of Monroe and Mark Graber of Indianapolis; one stepdaughter, Marcia Mankin of Plainfield; one brother, Harold F. Lehman of Temecula, Calif.; three sisters, Virginia Lehman of Auburn, Elaine M. Taylor of Indianapolis, and Milly R. Sivits of Spencerville; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. in Singleton Community Mortuary, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

A graveside service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Marion Indiana National Cemetery in Marion.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in University Heights United Methodist Church, 4002 Otterbein Ave., Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be given to World Gospel Mission Medical Outreach Program in Marion.

Walter Debes

AVILLA — Walter F. Debes, 92, of Avilla, died at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was born Aug. 15, 1904, in Odin, Kan., to Alois and Hattie (Habager) Debes. On Dec. 11, 1928, he married Mary Walt, who preceded him in death Sept. 5, 1973.

Mr. Debes had been a farmer for 45 years before his retirement. He had lived in the Avilla community 70 years, moving from Kansas.

Surviving are three daughters, Janet Muzzillo of Auburn, Merrilee Craft of Avilla, and Monica Rasbaugh of Wawaka; four sons, Bob Debes of Kendallville, Leo Debes of Auburn, Tony Debes of Avilla and Steve Debes of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Otto Debes of Ness City, Kan., and Tony Debes of Novato, Calif.; and three sisters, Floretine Bachand and Aurilia Hitchman, both of Great Bend, Kan., and Laura Reif of Hoisington, Kan.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where the rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Sacred Heart Home.

Deaths/Funerals

Eula Carey

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Eula Carey, 93, died Wednesday at 1:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had been a resident since Feb. 6.

Mrs. Carey was a graduate of Auburn High School and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. She had resided on Spencerville Street in Hicksville.

She was born March 23, 1903, in Grayson County, Ky., to the late James and Katie (Willis) Moore.

She married Tellis H. Carey on Jan. 15, 1925, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, and he died Oct. 12, 1987.

Surviving her are one daughter, Evelyn Dodge of Elkhart; one son, Charles of Hicksville, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One brother preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday after 2 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hicksville unit of the Crippled Children & Adults or the church.

Marvin Slone

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Marvin James Slone, 61, died Tuesday at 8:27 a.m. in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Friends may call Friday from 1-3 p.m. in Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Don Harris of the House of Prayer in Montpelier and the Rev. Arthur Ferry Jr. of First Baptist Church, Garrett, officiating.

A full obituary for Mr. Slone will appear in Friday's edition.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Raymond M. Biegel**, 91, died Tuesday. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Erna Kramer**, 90, died Monday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Friday in Nolt Cemetery, Columbia Township. No calling.

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Blaine Deller

FREMONT — Blaine Deller, 77, died Thursday at 7:35 p.m. in his Fremont home.

He was a retired farmer and also had retired after working 19 years on the Indiana Toll Road.

He was born Oct. 12, 1919, in Steuben County to Lowell and Jennie (Quance) Deller.

His wife, Irene (Rose) Deller, survives him.

He is also survived by two sons, Randy Deller of Angola and Rick Deller of Coldwater, Mich.; one daughter, Candy Deller of Fremont; one brother, Roscoe Deller of Fremont; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or service. Burial arrangements will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Jerry Edgar

AUBURN — Jerry L. Edgar, 65, died Wednesday at 10:59 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Edgar retired in 1991 after 30 years as a truck driver for the Teamsters Union. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Calvary Temple. He lived in Auburn 40 years.

He was born June 27, 1931, in Auburn to the late Donald and Claira Edgar.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann; four sons, Daniel L., John G., Jerry W. and Timothy G., all of St. Joe; two daughters, Kimberly H. Myers of St. Joe and Stephanie Wall of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Wayne of Pensacola, Fla., William of St. Joe and Kenneth of Wilmington, N.C.; one sister, Phyllis Purman of Sarasota, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services arrangements are pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Calvary Temple bus ministry.

Marvin Slone

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Marvin James Slone, 61, died Tuesday at 8:27 a.m. in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio.

He was a retired welder from Challenge Cook in Bryan, Ohio. He lived in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mr. Slone was born April 2, 1935, in Knott County, Ky., to the late Garland and Healene (Sloan) Slone.

Surviving are five daughters, Rhonda Sittloh of Garrett, Julie Slone Deetz and Crystal Robbins, both of Montpelier, Melissa Slone of Auburn and Shawna Lackey of Canton, Tenn.; three sons, Marvin L. of Pipe Creek, Texas, and Robert J. and Kevin E., both of Wichita Falls, Texas; two stepsons, Mitchell Baker of Arizona and Kenny Baker of Germany; seven brothers, Birchel Slone of Kendallville, Bethel Slone and Jim Slone, both of Auburn, Barney Slone of Garrett, Ted Slone of Butler, Hobart Johnson of Fruitland Park, Fla., and Willard Johnson of Wyoming, Mich.; five sisters, Bertha Daley of Garrett, Nola Moore and Delsie Ann Ramey, both of Garrett, Ky., Nancy Vanderpool of Auburn, and Annamae Moore of Shelbyville, Ohio; a stepmother, Luhettie Slone of Auburn; his fiancée, Betty Smith, and her two children, Adam and Amy Smith; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three stepchildren, Pamela, Terry and Lonnie, one brother and one sister.

Services were conducted today at 3 p.m. in Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family, Williams County Senior Center, American Heart Association, or Williams County Cancer Assistance.

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Deaths/Funerals

Marilyn Lower

AUBURN — Marilyn L. Lower, 72, died Thursday at 7:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Lower was a homemaker and member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 19, 1924, in Fort Wayne to the late Roy and Okel (Beebe) Cary.

She married Arnold W. Lower on Oct. 8, 1949, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Vincent A. of Grabill; two daughters, Sheryl Trenary of Butler and Cynthia Gobel of Auburn; one sister, Virginia Andres of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, Scott, Matthew, Mike, Vinesa, Brice and Andrew Lower, Bradley Trenary, David and Harry Gobel, Lisa Logan and Tammy Smith; and four great-grandchildren.

One great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Baptist Church, on Ensley Avenue. The Rev. Kenny Queener, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Garrett A. Brownback,** 77, died Friday. The funeral service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Ligonier Presbyterian Church, while calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

KENDALLVILLE — **Elmer A. Sutton**, 62, died Friday. The funeral service will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, while visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Helen Hoff

AVILLA — Helen Hoff, 75, died Saturday at 7:20 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She retired from Rieke Corp. in 1986, with 21 years of service. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and Harvest House. She lived in Avilla.

Mrs. Hoff was born March 20, 1921, in DeKalb County to the late Clarence E. and Leta M. (Shafer) Buttermore. Her husband, Albert M., preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Hartman of Auburn and Margaret Sawchuck of Angola; four sons, James of Butler, John of LaGrange, Ga., Karl of Waterloo and Steven of Auburn; one sister, Lois Bercaw of Butler; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will take place tonight at 8:30 in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. at the church. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions to the Sacred Heart Home are preferred.

Goldie Anspaugh

FREMONT — Goldie Mary Anspaugh, 82, died Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in St. Francis Nursing Home, Memphis, Tenn.

She was born Aug. 29, 1914, in Branch County, Mich., to Edwin and Martha (Hollingshead) Goodwin. On Oct. 13, 1940, she married David Anspaugh and became a homemaker. Her husband survives her.

She is also survived by one son, David J. Anspaugh of Germantown, Tenn; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Friends may call one hour before the funeral. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Cristian Sukala

AUBURN — Cristian James Sukala was stillborn Thursday at 10:23 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Bernard L. and Jamie F. Sukala of Auburn; his grandparents, Louis B. and Betty J. Sukala of Leo, and James F. and Jennie Howell of Greensburg; nine aunts and uncles; and 10 cousins.

Graveside services were conducted today at 11 a.m. in Smyrna Lutheran Church Cemetery in Decatur County.

Richard DePew

LAGRANGE — Richard "Lee" DePew, 52, of LaGrange, died at 5:07 a.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born March 11, 1944, in Kendallville to Loren and May (Longyear) DePew. His mother survives in LaGrange. On Feb. 14, 1988, in Wolcottville, he married Sharon Hankinson. She also survives.

Mr. DePew had worked for the LaGrange County Highway Department for the past 11 years.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two sons, Michael R. DePew of Denver, Colo., and David Lee DePew of Aurora, Colo.; a stepson, Louis Hankinson of Sturgis, Mich.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Linea DePew of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Wolcottville United Methodist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. David Tripp officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Donald R. Hoover**, 86, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

BRIMFIELD — **Hellen M. Couts**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Paul Kenneth Chapman**, 52, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Dale Walter

BUTLER — Dale F. Walter, 82, died Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Estelle's House care center on Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Walter was a retired Wilmington Township farmer, spending winters in Ocala and summers in rural Butler. He retired in 1976 from the Auburn Post Office. He was a member of the Greater Republican Club of Ocala and a former member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, rural Butler.

He was born Nov. 7, 1914, in St. Joe to the late George and Florence (Snyder) Walter.

He married Mayola Ginder on Sept. 14, 1935, in Newville and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bernell and Jean Walter of Nappanee, Burgis and Katherine Walter of Ocala, and Morris and Jo Walter of Fortville, and another son, Ronald L. of Butler; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna Lou and Bill Farmer of Albion; three brothers, George of Butler, Lewis of Cape Coral, Fla., and Russell of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two half-sisters, Vera Rosenbury and Letha Federspiel, and one grandson.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in Heirs Funeral Home in Ocala, with a service at 6 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Ronald Smalls.

Friends may also call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church or DeKalb County Youth For Christ/Campus Life.

Willa Penick

ANGOLA — Willa L. Penick, 80, died Sunday at 11 p.m. at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Penick had been a chef at the Alamo Restaurant in Angola. She was a member of the Angola Christian Church.

She was born April 30, 1916, in Angola to John and Edith (Beebe) Lininger. She married Orlo J. Penick. He died Feb. 5, 1956.

She is survived by one son, Fred Penick of Fremont; one daughter, Sheila Dugan of North Naples, Fla.; one sister, Velma Deller of Inverness, Fla.; and one grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Darrell Penick on Dec. 31, 1959, and Waldo Penick; one brother, Donald Lininger; and one sister, Freda Murden in 1996.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Judy Mynhier**, 59, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cromwell. Calling 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before services at the church.

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Ethel Gillette

ANGOLA — Ethel Gillette, 91, died Monday at 4:55 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was retired from her career as a first-grade teacher in the Royal Oak, Mich. school system.

She was born Aug. 8, 1905, in Northport, Mich., to Charles and Frances (Kolarik) Taylor. She married Jared Gillette and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1996.

She is survived by one son, Robert Gillette of Angola; three grandchildren, Rob Gillette, Julie Anne Andrews and Renee Rupley; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at the Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services begin at 2 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Church, Northport, Mich. Burial will be in Leelanau Township Cemetery, Northport.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Leelanau Conservency District, Northport.

Mary Lochner

SUN LAKES, Ariz. — Mary Bernice Lochner, 81, a former local resident, died Sunday.

Mrs. Lochner was a homemaker. She was born April 9, 1915, in Defiance County, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Lochner; one daughter, Patricia Magnuson; three sisters, Ruth Taner, Doris Lake and Romona Gehring; one brother, Larry Ayres; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in Valley of the Sun Mortuary, 10940 E. Chandler Heights Road, Chandler, Ariz.

Memorial contributions may be given to Sun Lakes Lutheran Church, 9625 E. Eddystone Court, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

Clara Brandom

HARLAN — Clara A. Brandom, 95, died Sunday morning at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Brandom was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Allen County. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan.

She was born Dec. 13, 1901, in Allen County to the late Fredrick and Mary Pfierman. Her husband, Zenno Brandom, died in 1962.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Harris of New Haven and Doris Allen of Harlan; one brother, Floyd Pfierman of Garrett; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ernest Pfierman and Clarence Pfierman, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

Services will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Elizabeth Kelsey

AUBURN — Infant Elizabeth Grace Kelsey died shortly after her birth Tuesday at 12:20 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Phillip L. and Jenny (Moore) Kelsey of Auburn; her grandparents, Bruce and Marguita Kelsey of Auburn, and Mark and Lucille Moore of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and a great-grandmother, Berniece Kelsey of Wilshire, Ohio.

Private family graveside services will be conducted Thursday in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Gene Schwenk, associate pastor of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, will officiate. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Fanchon Miller

FORT WAYNE — Fanchon Armstrong-Miller, 78, died Monday at 8:18 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and worked at Decatur Industries for several years. She was a member of Ladies of the Moose and American Legion Auxiliary, both in Decatur. She lived in Decatur for 27 years before moving to Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 13, 1919, in Kansas, to the late Earl and Bess Edwards. Her first husband, Max D. Armstrong, died in 1964, and her second husband, Orland Miller, died in 1979.

Surviving are one daughter, Jeannie Omenhiser-Felger of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Jeffrey Felger, Jody Felger and Shane Armstrong, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Max D. Armstrong II in 1992 and Jerry Lynn Armstrong in 1975.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Russell Deloss Maggart**, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cromwell. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Marie E. Macy**, 79, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there from 4-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lyle Lamar Mowrey**, 73, died Monday. Services at 8 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there after 4 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Thomas Hoffman

GARRETT — Thomas D. "Basil" Hoffman, 48, died Wednesday at 11:10 p.m. in his rural Garrett home.

Mr. Hoffman worked for the CSX Railroad for 18 years and was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Dec. 22, 1948, in Garrett to Basil and Lenora (Killworth) Hoffman. His mother survives in Garrett and his father died in 1986.

Also surviving are one son, Dustin Hoffman; and two sisters, Sharon George of Garrett and Colleen Alwood of Auburn.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A graveside service with military rites will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. of First Baptist Church, Garrett, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Dustin Hoffman educational fund.

Loretta Taylor

AUBURN — Loretta J. Taylor, 62, died Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker and had resided in Auburn since 1992. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and a life member of Sigma Alpha Chi.

She was born July 23, 1934, in Claypool to the late Henry and Sudie (Minnich) Lovely.

Surviving are her husband, Philip J. of Auburn; one daughter, Tami Zimmerly of Ottawa, Ohio; one son, C. Scott "Pat" Taylor of Avilla; one sister, Louise Shopoff of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ralph Lovely of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

One grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Maish officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Dale Walter

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Mr. Walter was a retired Wilmington Township farmer, spending winters in Ocala and summers in rural Butler. He retired in 1976 from the Auburn Post Office. He was a member of the Greater Republican Club of Ocala and a former member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, rural Butler.

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He married Mayola Ginder on Sept. 14, 1935, in Newville and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Burmell and Jean Walter of Nappanee, Burgess and Katherine Walter of Ocala, and Morris and Jo Walter of Fortville, and another son, Ron L. of Butler; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna Lou and Bill Farmer of Albion; three brothers, George of Butler, Lewis of Cape Coral, Fla., and Russell of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two half-sisters, Vera Rosenbury and Letha Federspiel, and one grandson.

The Rev. Ronald Smalls conducted a service Tuesday evening at Heirs Funeral Home in Ocala.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, rural Butler, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church or DeKalb County Youth For Christ/Campus Life.

Martha Jackson

FREMONT — Martha Onalee Jackson, 55, of Fremont died Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. at her home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 12, 1941, in Calhoun County, Mich., to Adelbert and Mildred Marie (Waters) Smith.

Her husband of 29 years, William Jackson, survives her in Fremont.

She also is survived by two sons, William Jackson II and Murrel Jackson, both of Angola; one daughter, Nadean (and husband, David) Vanderhag of Fremont; two brothers, James Smith of Fort Wayne and Lawrence Smith of Indiana; three sisters, Vera Creager and Dorothy Green, both of Fremont, and Mary (and husband, Gerald) Golinick of Montgomery, Mich.; a stepmother, Irene Smith of Marshall, Mich.; a half-brother, David Smith of Kelso, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Fremont United Methodist Church building fund.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **William C. Veazey**, 92, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 7-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and after 9 a.m. at the church on Friday.

LARWILL — **A. Ralph King**, 82, died Tuesday. Memorial services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday.

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Bonnie Stienbarger

ALBION — Bonnie J. Stienbarger, 42, died Thursday at 6:45 a.m. in her home in Albion.

She was born May 2, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Oscar and Rosetta (Bumpus) Odem. On June 18, 1994, she married Tim Stienbarger at the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion. He survives.

Mrs. Stienbarger, formerly of Fort Wayne, had lived in Albion for 30 years. She had been a finisher at Siligan Plastics in Ligonier for 23 years. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic.

Surviving with her husband are three brothers, Michael L. Odem of Butler, George G. Odem of Albion, and Oscar H. Odem of Fort Wayne; and seven sisters, Karen Haviland, Sally Odem and Velma Rinehart, all of Albion, Leota Rhodes of Bear Lake, and Susan Ley, Charlotte Odem and Margaret Barker, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe and Daniel Odem.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion, with the Rev. Benny Archer officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 2-9 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, is in charge of arrangements.

Loretta Taylor

AUBURN — Loretta J. Taylor, 62, died Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker and had resided in Auburn since 1992. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, the First United Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, and a life member of Sigma Alpha Chi.

She was born July 23, 1934, in Claypool to the late Henry and Sudie (Minnich) Lovely.

Surviving are her husband, Philip J. of Auburn; one daughter, Tami Zimmerly of Ottawa, Ohio; one son, C. Scott Taylor of Avilla; one sister, Louise Shopoff of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ralph Lovely of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

One grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Maish officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Amy Yates

KENDALLVILLE — Amy E. Yates, 28, of Kendallville, died this morning in her home. She had been seriously ill since December.

She was born June 26, 1968, in Kendallville to Jerry and Betty (France) Preston. They survive in Kendallville. On June 10, 1989, in Kendallville, she married Tim Yates. He also survives.

Mrs. Yates, a lifetime Kendallville resident, was a 1987 East Noble High School graduate. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Gamma Xi chapter of Tri Kappa and American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary.

Surviving with her husband and parents are a daughter, Jena Yates, at home; a son, Trevor Yates, at home; a sister, Pam Baker of Albion; and a brother, David Preston of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. Dale Mendenhall and the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling also one hour before services Monday.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Richard K. Briggs**, 67, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park

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Thomas Good

ANGOLA — Thomas John Good, 50, died on Friday at University Hospital in Indianapolis.

He went to school in LaGrange, where he graduated in 1964. He enlisted in the Navy and served three years sea duty during the Vietnam War. He was employed by the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.. He was a member of the Bow Hunters and Conservation Clubs of Angola.

Mr. Good was born on Aug. 22, 1946, to John and Donna (Himebaugh) Good. His mother survives him in Bronson, Mich.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Lee and Shelly Good of Oxford, Miss., and John Brian and Allison Good of Bloomington; one brother and sister-in-law, Michael Lynn and Nancy Good of White Pigeon, Mich.; two sisters, Sandra King of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Mary Jo Pearson of Indianapolis; and two granddaughters, Bethan and Sarah Good of Oxford, Miss.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Pauline Katherine Butterbaugh**, 84, of Kendallville, died Friday in Fort Wayne. Visitation is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Funeral is at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Eel River Cemetery in North Manchester.

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Edna Stahl

AUBURN — Edna L. Stahl, 81, died Sunday at 5:35 a.m. in Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

Mrs. Stahl was a lifetime Grant Township farmer and lived on County Road 32, Auburn. She was a former employee of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Cooperative and the late Dr. Lorin Jennings of Auburn.

She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church; DeKalb County Farm Bureau, which she served as a women's leader for many years; DeKalb County Extension Homemakers Chorus and DeKalb Oratorio Chorus.

She was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Corunna to the late Milferd and Inez (Park) Bowman.

She married Clark W. Stahl on Aug. 4, 1935, in Corunna and he died Jan. 12, 1989.

Surviving are three sons, James of Kendallville, John of Auburn and Thomas of Corunna; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth Bowman, and two sisters, Marie Ohlwein and Bertha Korff, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Maple Grove United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Stevan Haiflich will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Maple Grove church.

Jon Wise

AUBURN — Jon F. Wise, 78, died Sunday at 12:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Wise was a general contractor all his life and lived on West Fourth Street, Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of the Disabled American Veterans Association.

He was born Oct. 23, 1918, in Saybrook, Ill., to the late Edward A. and Anna K. (Kerr) Wise. His wife, Philipine, died in 1980.

Surviving are two sons, Harold of Goleta, Calif., and John of Tampa, Fla.; and two sisters, Esther Keesberry of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Irene Fox of Auburn.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association.

Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Tritch

HAMILTON — Donald Keith Tritch, 73, died Saturday at Cameron Community Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Tritch was the owner of Tritch Garage in Pleasant Lake and enjoyed woodworking. He lived on South Wayne Street in Hamilton.

He was born Aug. 19, 1923, in Steuben County to the late Orville Ray Tritch and Esther Viola Weber.

He married Glenna May Harger on Dec. 12, 1958, in Hamilton and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Wendy Richardson of Hamilton; two stepsons, Gaylon Chipman of Seaside, Calif., and Stephen Chipman of Hamilton; one stepdaughter, Pamela Graham of Waterloo; four sisters, Iylene Swift of Fremont, Dorothy Favorite of Leesburg, Fla., Helen Harris of Fort Wayne and Lois Wilson of Sun City, Ariz., eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Curtis, and one brother, Harold.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Juanita Maurer

GARRETT — Juanita R. Maurer, 82, died Sunday at 2:47 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Maurer was a homemaker and member of the Garrett First Church of Christ and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born May 31, 1914, in DeKalb County to the late Arthur and Jenny (Conkle) Hills.

She married William F. Maurer on Dec. 25, 1937, in Garrett and he died April 4, 1975.

Surviving are three sons, James of Garrett, John of Angola, and David of Ridgewood, Pa.; two daughters, Mary Ann Burkmire of Norman, Okla., and Margaret Burwell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ed; one daughter, Nancy; and two brothers, Foster Hills and Ed Conkle.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Emma Schwartz

SPENCERVILLE — Emma E. Schwartz, 82, of Spencerville, died Sunday at home.

Surviving are four sons, Ora Schwartz of Grabill, and David and Jacob Schwartz, both of Spencerville, and Joseph Schwartz of Reading, Mich.; two sisters, Ida Getz of Elkhart, and Sarah Yoder of LaGrange; two brothers, Simon Hochstetler of Goshen, and Isaac Hochstetler of LaGrange; 41 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel, in 1978.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the David Schwartz residence. Burial will be in Amish Cemetery, Spencerville.

Visitation is today and Tuesday in the family home.

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Brice Diehl

ANGOLA — Brice G. Diehl, 72, died Sunday at 6:08 a.m. in Life Care Center, LaGrange.

A veteran of the U.S. Army Military Police, he retired in 1979 after 17 years as the first superintendent of Prairie Heights Community Schools. He assisted in the establishment of the first Nazarene church in Shipshewana. He was the owner and developer of the Green Lake International Orchard, where more than 1,200 species of apples are grown. He was known for the artistry of his stained glass projects.

Mr. Diehl was born March 22, 1924, in Wells County to Ervin and Vera (Tarr) Diehl.

On April 21, 1945, he married June (Ward) Diehl. She survives him in Angola.

He is also survived by four sons, Lon of Beijing, China, Timothy of Northampton, Mass., Lee of Nellys Ford, Va., and Joel of Goshen; one daughter, Rebecca Reese of Huntsville, Ala.; one sister, Ester Leopold of Concord, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Ralph Hill will officiate. There will be calling from 11 a.m. until service time at the church. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange, with military graveside services by the American Legion.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association, Cameron Hospice and Fort Wayne Respite.

John Shultz

ANGOLA — John H. Shultz, 61, died Sunday at 2 a.m. at his home in Angola.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a production associate at Indiana Metal Works. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Mr. Shultz was born Feb. 23, 1936, in Iowa City, Iowa, to Wayne and Sabina M. (Vanderslot) Shultz.

On May 27, 1959, he married Cecile Shultz. She survives him in Angola.

He is also survived by his stepmother, Naomi Shultz in Litchfield, Mich.; two sons, Myron Scott Shultz of Sparks, Nev., and John Shultz of Bryan, Ohio; five daughters, Keena VanCalburgh of Parma, Mich., Teressa Shultz of Angola, Dawn Shultz of Hudson, and Morgan Shultz and Whitney Shultz, both of Fremont; three brothers, Richard of Parma, Mich., and Murray and Keith, both of Albion, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Harold Shultz; and two brothers, James and Raymond Shultz.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola. Cremation will be at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Well Child Clinic, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and the Multiple Sclorosis Association.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Jade Stimmel

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Jade Elizabeth Stimmel, 6 year-old daughter of Anthony and Tonya (Begley) Stimmel, died Thursday at Blanch Field Army Hospital, Fort Campbell, Ky.

She was born on Jan. 22, 1991,in Angola, and was a kindergarten student at Lincoln Elementary School, Fort Campbell.

She is survived by her parents and two sisters, Courtney and Danica Stimmel, who live at home; her grandparents, Ron and Dorothy Stimmel of Fremont and James and Nancy Begley of Angola; and great-grandparents, Shirley Stimmel and Arizona Etheridge, both of Fremont, and Paul and Claire Begley of Angola.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Chaplain Grant E. Johnson will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial gifts may be given to the National Asthma Foundation or to the family.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Thomas R. Asher**, 75, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Charles Peel

ANGOLA — Charles Michael Peel, 52, of Angola, died Sunday at 9:09 p.m. in Leesburg Regional Medical Center, Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. Peel was a 33-year employee of Moore Business Forms until 1995. He was a square dance caller for 30 years and taught modern square dancing. He was a club caller for Magic Squares, Angola; Merry Mixers of Coldwater, Mich.; M-99'ers of Litchfield, Mich.; Fountain City Squares of Stryker, Ohio; Promenaders of Fort Wayne; and Swing-A-Dears of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Peel, a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, graduated from Fremont High School in 1963 and Kennedy University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in computer science. Since 1991, he had been owner/producer of Eagle Productions Recording Studio and Records in Angola.

He was born Oct. 25, 1944, in Branch County, Mich., to Charles Jr. and Helen (Blair) Peel. His father preceded him in death.

Surviving are his mother; his wife, Della, whom he married April 26, 1964; a daughter, Deborah (and husband, Richard) Barrand of Angola; two brothers, John of Fremont and Robert of Angola; and 14 nieces and nephews.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Cynthia Rodgers, in 1987.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Jamestown Township, Steuben County.

Memorials donations may be made to the American Heart Association and Fairview Missionary Building Fund and to the family in care of Della Peel.

John Shultz

ANGOLA — John H. Shultz, 61, died Sunday at 2 a.m. at his home in Angola.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a production associate at Indiana Metal Works. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Shultz was born Feb. 23, 1936, in Iowa City, Iowa, to Wayne and Sabina M. (Vanderslot) Shultz.

On May 27, 1959, he married Cecile Shultz. She survives him in Angola.

He also is survived by his stepmother, Naomi Shultz of Litchfield, Mich.; two sons, Myron Scott Shultz of Sparks, Nev., and John Shultz of Bryan, Ohio; five daughters, Keena VanCalburgh of Parma, Mich., Teressa Shultz of Angola, Dawn Shultz of Hudson, and Morgan Shultz and Whitney Shultz, both of Fremont; three brothers, Richard of Parma, Mich., and Murray and Keith, both of Albion, Mich.; one sister, Patricia Hose of Springport, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Harold; and two brothers, James and Raymond.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola. Cremation will be at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne. There will be no visitation.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Well Child Clinic, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and the Multiple Sclorosis Association.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Edna Stahl

AUBURN — Edna L. Stahl, 81, died Sunday at 5:35 a.m. in Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

Mrs. Stahl was a lifetime Grant Township farmer and lived on County Road 32, Auburn. She was a former employee of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Cooperative and the late Dr. Lorin Jennings of Auburn.

She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church; DeKalb County Farm Bureau, which she served as a women's leader for many years; DeKalb County Extension Homemakers Chorus and DeKalb Oratorio Chorus.

She was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Corunna to the late Milferd and Inez (Park) Bowman.

She married Clark W. Stahl on Aug. 4, 1935, in Corunna and he died Jan. 12, 1989.

Surviving are three sons, James of Kendallville, John of Auburn and Thomas of Corunna; one daughter, Shirley Anweiler of Zionsville; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One brother, Kenneth Bowman, and two sisters, Marie Ohlwein and Bertha Korff, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Maple Grove United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Stevan Haiflich will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Maple Grove church.

Robert Misselhorn

ROME CITY — Robert W. Misselhorn, 66, of Rome City, died at 2:58 a.m. Monday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. He had been ill 1 1/2 years.

He was born in Kendallville April 28, 1930, to Robert J. and Grace (Franke) Misselhorn.

Mr. Misselhorn had lived in Michigan, the Helmer/Big Long Lake area and at Rome City for the past five years. He had been the LaGrange County probation officer and published lake directories for northern Indiana. He also owned World Wide Movers in Ypsilanti, Mich. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 381, Rome City. He was a member of Phoenix Lodge F&A.M. 13, Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit, and the Moslem Temple Shrine in Detroit.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith McNiece of Fort Wayne, and Patricia Gaiski of Angola; a son, Charles R. Misselhorn of Ann Arbor, Mich.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and an aunt, Florence Cookerly of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel R. Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville officiating. Burial and military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 381, Rome City.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

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Jimmie Hantz

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Jimmie L. Hantz, 68, died Monday at Battle Creek Health Systems.

Mr. Hantz had moved to Battle Creek from Indiana several years ago. He retired in 1991 from Michigan Carton, St. Regis, Mich. He also owned and operated Jim's Flower Shop, Greenhouse & Gifts. He was a member of St. Regis 25-Year Club.

He was born Nov. 19, 1928, in Angola to Ervin and Ola (Teegarden) Hantz.

In 1945, he married Olive C. (Alexander) Hantz. She survives him.

He is also survived by three sons, Jimmie Hantz, Floyd Hantz, and Dennis Hantz, all of Battle Creek; one daughter, Mary Mosby of Battle Creek; three sisters, Esther Rhodes of Coldwater, Mich., Luella Price of Surprise, Ariz., and Lois Frederick of Detroit; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Benjamin and Martin Mosby; two sisters, Zellouise Johnson and Virginia McClanahan, both of Steuben County; and one brother, Earl Hantz of Steuben County.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 and Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home, Battle Creek,.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Pastor Brian E. Spencer and Elder Stan Ellis will officiate. Burial will be in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, Battle Creek.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Good Samaritan Hospice Care or American Cancer Society.

Dotty Burkett

FORT WAYNE — Dotty M. Burkett, 81, died Tuesday at Kingston Residence in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burkett retired after five years as a molder for Pribble Plastic Co., New Haven. She was a member of the Steuben County Woman's Club. She lived in Fort Wayne, and formerly lived in Angola for 27 years and in New Haven.

She was born Aug. 7, 1915, in Decatur, Ill., to the late late Vinton Beebe and Nora Peel. Her husband, Leo W. Burkett, died in 1993.

Surviving are five sons, Kenneth and Jerry, both of Angola, Vernon of Fort Wayne, Wayne of Fort Myers, Fla., and Jim of Indianapolis; three daughters, Tootie Witmer of Fort Wayne, Connie Martin of Summitville and Debbie Tyler of Angola, and many grandchildren.

One daughter, Beverly A. Burkett, and a granddaughter, Karolyn Mosshamner Witmer, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Steuben County Council on Aging and Heartland Hospice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lillian "Jeanne" Johnson**, 62, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday.

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Viola Henderson

ANTWERP, Ohio — Viola Jane Henderson, 80, died Wednesday afternoon in Paulding County Hospital at Paulding, Ohio.

Mrs. Henderson was a homemaker and lived in Antwerp, Ohio.

She was born Feb. 9, 1917, to the late Andrew A. and Margaret M. (Carder) Moore. Her husband, Eldon C. Henderson, preceded her in death April 24, 1964.

Surviving are one son, Eldon "Bud" Henderson of Hicksville, Ohio; one daughter, Marjorie Stuart of Cecil, Ohio; one sister, Leola Mohr of Continental, Ohio, seven grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. at Rice Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood, Ohio.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Toby Miller of the Paulding Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery.

Dotty Burkett

FORT WAYNE — Dotty M. Burkett, 81, who died Tuesday in Fort Wayne, is survived by 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The additional information about survivors was supplied by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Friends may tonight from 5-9 at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Marjorie Satmary

ROMULUS, Mich. — Marjorie Ann (Ross) Satmary, 58, was killed Tuesday at 10 a.m. in her home in Romulus, Mich.

She was a homemaker and member of the Catholic Church in Romulus.

Mrs. Satmary was born May 19, 1938, in Garrett to the late Elmer and Luella (Coats) Ross.

Her husband of 30 years, Louis Michael Satmary, survives.

Also surviving are one brother, Edwin Don Ross of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ellen Salmons of Auburn and Helen Wood of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. Rodney Buzzard, pastor of Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Embry Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruth Linder**, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. on Friday.

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KIMMELL — **Irma M. Bunyan**, 82, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Greenlawn Memorial Park Chapel, 6600 Covington Road, with calling there 9-11 a.m. Saturday.

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Tina Renfrow

AUBURN — Tina Marie Renfrow, 22, died Friday at 10:15 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb health care center at Butler, where she had lived for four years.

She lived most of her life in Auburn and was a 1995 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

Miss Renfrow was born Nov. 11, 1974, in Auburn to James O. and Janice A. (Wogoman) Renfrow. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two brothers, James O. Renfrow Jr. of Wabash and Jon T. Renfrow of Auburn; one sister, Joni L. Renfrow of Auburn; her grandparents, Shirley Chapman of Butler and Richard Wogoman of Ashley; and a great-grandmother, Lillie Lehner of Garrett.

Friends may call Monday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Matthew Higle of the St. Joe Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Elma Pockl

GARRETT — Elma M. Pockl, 88, died Friday at 12:10 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Pockl was a homemaker and lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and Fraternal Order of Eagles in Garrett, and a past president of the Emblem Club.

She was born Feb. 7, 1909, in Willard, Ohio, to the late Charles W. and Nellie (Rothchild) Fink.

She married John A. Pockl in 1933 in Willard, Ohio, and he died in 1969.

Surviving are one son, Dwayne Harris of Garrett; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell Fink and Karl Fink; two sisters, Dorthy Segrist and Eleanor Henry; and two grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Bill Dunfee will officiate, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to SpectraCare or a charity of the donor's choice.

Lee Bauer

ANGOLA — Lee W. Bauer, 51, of 940 N. 155-W, Angola, died in a fire in his home workshop Thursday morning.

Mr. Bauer previously had been a Williams County, Ohio, resident since 1950, residing at Edgerton until his family relocated to Montpelier in 1967.

A 1963 graduate of Edgerton High School, he was employed for 25 years with the former Mohawk Tools Inc. of Montpelier until the plant's closing in 1992. He then became a sales representative for Texas Refinery Corp., and had been an Angola resident since 1993.

He was born April 19, 1945, in Holgate, Ohio, to Edna M. (Buff) and Russell E. Bauer. His mother survives.

On Aug. 2, 1975, he married Sue A. Brandt, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brian Bauer, at home; four brothers (listed with wives), Russel Dean (and Ann) Bauer of Claypool, Kenneth (and Betty) Bauer of Montpelier, Ohio, Gail (and Beverly) Bauer of Rochester, Minn., and Ned (and Ann) Bauer of Pioneer, Ohio; two sisters (with husbands), Patricia (and Richard) Cronk of Bryan, Ohio, and Marsha (and Ken) Bender of Morenci, Mich.; and his mother- and father-in-law, Maryellen and George Brandt of Montpelier, Ohio.

Funeral services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, with Dr. Jeff Woolum officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Burial will be in West Buffalo Cemetery, near Blakeslee, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Northwestern Ohio.

Dennis Grose

ANGOLA — Dennis Gall Grose, 85, died Thursday at 2:40 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Grose had worked as an inspector in quality control for 16 years at Ford Motor Co., Lorraine, Ohio. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He was born Feb. 9, 1912, in Grafton, W.Va., to Charles and Jessie (Gall) Grose.

On April 1, 1936, he married Alice Grose. She survives him in Angola.

He is also survived by his son and daughter-in-law, David and Jean Grose of Carleton, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Don Grose; and a sister, Doris Grose.

There will be no visitation or service. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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James Webb Sr.

BRONSON, Mich. — James E. Webb Sr., 77, of Bronson, died Friday at the Community Health Care Center of Branch County, following a four-year illness.

Mr. Webb moved to the Bronson area in 1957. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. In his spare time, he enjoyed driving.

He was born Feb. 19, 1920, in Auburn to Edgar and Mary (Beatty) Webb.

He married Betty Sweet in 1955 in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Frances Miller of Garrett; four additional daughters (listed with their husbands), Margaret (and James) Keim of Avilla, Jamie (and John) Conrad of Sturgis, Mich., Mary Lou (and Stanley) Longfellow of Bronson; and Karen (and Michael) VanBlarcom of Coldwater, Mich.; a son (and wife), James E. Jr. (and Virginia) Webb of Bronson; another son, Charles Edward Webb of Bronson; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Bonnie Hopkins of St. Joe, Mary Jane Handshoe of Wawaka and Shirley Vogts of Fort Wayne; and two half-brothers, Leo Carper of Spencerville and Don Carper of Phoenix.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl, at age 12 ; two sons, Charles Burton Webb and Michael Allen Webb, both as infants; three brothers and a sister.

Arrangements for his cremation are being handled by Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Merle J. Short**, 57, of Churubusco, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday at ExtendaCare in Columbia City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Churubusco United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dennis A. Shock officiating. Friends may call Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to services Monday morning.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Elhanan "Buck" Robinson**, 63, of Wolcottville died at 6:30 p.m. Friday in his residence. Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. Friends may call at the church on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. An evening service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m., with the Revs. Lee and Clarence Combs officiating.

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Don Leeson

GARRETT — Don C. Leeson, 90, died today at 7:55 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Leeson was an engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 50 years, retiring in 1975. He was the engineer on the last run of the Capitol Limited passenger train. He was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene and lived on County Road 54, Garrett.

He was born Nov. 24, 1906, in Garrett to the late James and Anna (Houser) Leeson.

He married Ethel Graves Fry on Feb. 24, 1967, and she survives.

Also surviving are two stepsons, James Fry and Donald Fry, both of Churubusco; a sister, Margaret Dolan of Garrett; a granddaughter, Amy Leeson of Fort Wayne; six stepgrandchildren, nine stepgreat-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Two sons, Roger Leeson and Tom Leeson, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett, with Dr. William Hodge of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene officiating. There will be no calling.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Arlen Lash

EDGERTON, Ohio — Arlen D. Lash, 62, died Friday evening at his rural Edgerton home.

Mr. Lash was an employee of Bricker Plating of Bryan, Ohio, and tuned pianos for 34 years. He was a member of Lost Creek Immanuel Missionary Church in Farmer, Ohio.

He was born June 2, 1934, in Shidler, Ind., to the late Henry and Loveda (Rarick) Lash.

He married Judy Littlejohn on Jan. 12, 1963, in Helmer, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Karen Miller of Montpelier, Ohio, and three grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dan Robertson and the Rev. Paul Draggoo will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Henry Shull

KENDALLVILLE — Henry E. Shull, 73, of Kendallville, died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. He had been ill approximately two years.

He was born in St. Joe on Jan. 29. 1924, to Johnathon and Clara Louise (King) Shull. On July 10, 1947, in Bremhaven, Germany, he married Waltraude Zwirlein. She survives.

Mr. Shull retired in 1993 from the Indiana State Highway Department. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Henry P. Shull and Steve J. Shull, both of Kendallville; five sisters, Marie Christlieb of Kendallville; Irene Vonacker and Frances Haworth, both of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mary Funk of Newaygo, Mich., and Ruth Davis of California; two brothers, Charles Shull and Harold Shull, both of Grand Rapids; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Bill Farmer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Robert Reesman

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill. — Robert Warren Reesman, 56, died Friday at his Crystal Lake home after a short illness.

Mr. Reesman was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and president of Wells Manufacturing in Woodstock, Ill. During the 1980s, he was vice president and general manager of Auburn Foundry. While in Auburn he was a member of the Auburn Jaycees and a parish council member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. He was a national director of the American Foundry Society and the current president of the Foundry Education Foundation.

He was born Nov. 25, 1940, in Racine, Wis., to Leroy and Iydell Reesman. His mother survives and his father is deceased.

He married Laurida Rognsvoog on Sept. 2, 1961, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Steven of Fort Wayne, Michael of Griffith, and John of Hoffman Estates, Ill; one daughter, Mary Parker of Germany; three sisters, Doris Donalics, Nancy Anderson and Sally Reesman; his in-laws, Vivian and Herman Rognsvoog; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. in Wilson Funeral Home, 1120 Blaine, Ave., Racine, Wis., with a prayer vigil at 7 p.m.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Edward's Church, Grove Avenue, Racine.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Foundry Education Foundation, 484 East Northwest Highway, Des Plaines, IL 60616-2202.

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Leonard Ritchie

WATERLOO — Leonard Ritchie, 69, of Best Street in Waterloo, died Friday at 10 p.m. in the Veterans Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ritchie was a retired employee of Bohn Aluminum Foundry in Butler. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Medical Corps and a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a member of the First Baptist Church in Butler.

He was born May 2, 1927, in Bulen, Ky., to the late Daniel and Sudie (Combs) Ritchie.

On June 16, 1945, he married Mavis Drew in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David L. Ritchie of Hamilton; three daughters, Kathy Sue Crager of Pleasant Lake, Nancy Krontz of Waterloo, and Leeann Roehm of Waterloo; one brother, Warren Ritchie of Fisty, Ky.; two sisters, Louise Jones of Spencer, and Lena Jo Combs of Kingsville, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Butler, with the Rev. Brian Young officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Baptist Church of Butler.

Marlo Pressler

ASHLEY — Marlo M. "Mike" Pressler, 77, died today at 12:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Pressler was a self-employed milk hauler for 18 years, a truck salesman for Meek Mack Trucks in Fort Wayne for eight years and a semi driver for S&S Oil Co., Auburn, for 12 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and lived on South Union Street in Ashley.

He was born March 10, 1920, in Fairfield Township to the late Hershel and Jennie (Hathaway) Pressler.

He married Sylvia Katherine Resler in DeKalb County on April 19, 1939, and she died June 10, 1980.

Surviving are one brother, Donald D. Pressler of Waterloo; one sister, Marjorie D. Jacobus of Auburn; one grandson, Mike Hasselman of Waterloo; one great-grandson, Todd Hasselman; and two step-great-grandchildren, Jaymee and Justin Deetz.

One daughter, Judith Ellen Hasselman, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Thomas Watt of the Ashley United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Irven Beck

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Irven Delaurel Beck, 91, died today at 5:55 a.m. in Fairlawn Haven Nursing Home in Archbold, Ohio, where he had resided the past few years.

Mr. Beck retired in 1976 as superintendent of highways with the Ohio Department of Transportation. He was in charge of Williams County operations. He was a lifelong Williams County resident.

He was born Jan. 25, 1906, in Alvordton, Ohio, to Willo Belle (Scott) and Irven Clark Beck.

Surviving are his wife, Beulah R. (Spencer) Beck; two sons, Lawrence of Archbold and Darold of Angola; one daughter, Willo Ameda Dohm of Stryker, Ohio; one brother, Seymour Beck of Montpelier; two sisters, Amber Short of Bryan, Ohio, and Anna Mae Rademacher of Kunkle, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Delbert and Richard; one sister, Blanche Frappier, and two infant children.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will take place Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Charles Gautsche of the Lockport Mennonite Church will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial contributions to Fairlawn Haven are preferred.

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Berniece Heller

ASHLEY — Berniece C. Heller, 87, of Ashley and formerly of Helmer, died at 2:15 a.m. Saturday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born south of Helmer in Noble County, July 17, 1909, to Elmer and Abbie (DeWitt) Hovarter. She first married Lawrence Milleman and he preceded her in death in 1956. She then married Walter Heller, who died in 1972.

Mrs. Heller had lived most of her life in Steuben County. She was a 1927 graduate of Salem Center High School and a homemaker. She was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and its UMW and the Steuben County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Pauline Milleman of Huntertown; two stepdaughters, Neta Michael of Fremont, and Nancy Tarr of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Duane Heller of Albion; four grandchildren, Dr. Jeff Milleman and Susan Papaik, both of Fort Wayne, and Carol Richardson and Kris Fisher, both of Huntertown; seven great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Milleman in 1989; a granddaughter, Ronda Hursh in 1992; and a stepson, Don Heller.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Helmer United Methodist Church.

Louise Smock

FORT WAYNE — Louise Maki Smock, 66, died Saturday at 12:28 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a former Realtor with Coldwell Banker Banks Mallough. She was a member of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smock was born Nov. 4, 1930, in Owen, Wis., to the late John V. and Louisa R. (Lahti) Maki.

Surviving are her husband, Louis S.; two daughters, Vicki Bandor Braun and Pamela Smock, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Stephen Smock Jr. of Auburn; one sister, Sylvia Kangas of Waukegan, Ill., three brothers, Toivo Maki of Lake Villa, Ill., Arnold Maki of Mountain Home, Ariz., and William Maki of Lantana, Fla.; three grandchildren and eight stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 5-8 at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church or to Women's Cancer Center Research, in care of Indiana Cancer Pavilion, Dr. Greg Sutton, 535 Barnhill Drive No. 434, Indianapolis IN 46202.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Paul B. "Pete" Shively**, 83, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

LIGONIER — **Carolyn C. Null**, 53, died Saturday. Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Hazel Graves

FREMONT — Hazel Graves, 93, died Monday at 3:20 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Graves was born March 30, 1903, in Allen County to Frank and Cathern (Moyer) Gallopo. She married Walter Graves and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death in 1976.

She is survived by her brother, Daniel Minster of Fremont; her sister, Betty Williams in Edon, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a son.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. J. Glen Radcliffe will officiate. Friends may call from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., prior to the service.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Jason Lyon

TEXARKANA, Texas — Jason Caleb Lyon, 5, died Friday at his home in Texarkana,.

He was born in Abilene, Texas, to Alan and Diane Lyon, who survive.

Also surviving, are one brother, Joshua "Brother," at home; his grandparents, Maurice and Teresa Sanfacon of Rochester, N.H., and Russell and Ann Lyon of Huntertown; and two great-grandfathers, Jacob Kell of Huntertown and Russell F. Lyon of Butler.

Services were conducted Saturday at Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery.

A memorial service took place today in Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cook Children's Medical Center, Bone Marrow Unit, Office of Development, 801 Seventh Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104-2796.

Ervin Armstrong

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Ervin L. Armstrong, 74, died Monday at 11:45 a.m. in Holmes Medical Center in Melbourne, Fla.

Mr. Armstrong was a former Wilmington Township farmer and retired in 1986 as a real estate broker for Armstrong Realty Co. in Auburn. He lived in Melbourne and was a former Butler resident.

He was a World War II and Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Army and Air National Guard. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, Auburn Moose Lodge 566, and Butler American Legion Post 202.

He was born Jan. 17, 1923, in Fort Wayne to the late Frank and Catherine (Zuber) Armstrong.

He married Naomi Friend on Sept. 20, 1946, in Fort Wayne and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, James of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and James Chandler of Woodburn; two brothers, Jack of Goshen and Tom of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Helen Rice of Melbourne, Ruth Borrof and Patricia McMasters, both of Fort Wayne, Catherine Justice of Leo, Judy Olevnik of Rochester, N.Y., and Shirley Pattison of Hendersonville, N.C.; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Megan Chandler.

Two sisters, Wanda White and Dorthy Walter, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Raymond Balzer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Heart Association or Catholic Social Services.

Carol Null

GOSHEN — Carol C. Null, 53, of Goshen, died at 7:55 p.m. Saturday in Elkhart General Hospital following a cerebral aneurysm two days earlier.

She was born Feb. 26, 1944, in Orland to Ralph and Rachel (Royse) Lyon. On June 19, 1976, she married LaMar Null. He survives.

Mrs. Null, formerly of Ligonier, had moved to Goshen 20 years ago. She was a prominent Ligonier merchant, operating the Bargain Center in Ligonier for 28 years.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Shannon Threlkeld of Bloomington; a daughter, Shelly (Threlkeld) Kreager of Anderson; a brother, Robert Lyon of Fairfax, Va.; a sister, Jean Jennings of Anaheim, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Alisha Anglemeyer and Jeffrey Anglemeyer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Ronald McDonald House, Indianapolis.

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Lilly Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Lilly Jane Hall, 70, of Kendallville, died at 12:10 p.m. Monday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. She had been ill about a year and had resided there 11 months, moving from King Street in Kendallville.

She was born in DeKalb County on May 20, 1926, to Guy V. and Ileth (Shippy) Brickley. On July 21, 1972, she married James C. Hall. He preceded her in death June 7, 1996.

Mrs. Hall had been a member of Faith United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She was a charter member of Farmerettes Extension Homemakers' Club, and had been a volunteer at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Surviving are a daughter, Dawn Lynn Boese of Logansport; a son, Dennis A. Ringler of Fond du Lac, Wis.; a sister, Mrs. Wayne (Marilyn) Carr of Auburn; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Sawyer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to McCray Memorial Hospital or CompreCare Home Health.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alfred H. Heuer**, 87, died Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Esther Husted

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Esther E. Husted, 79, died Tuesday at 10:25 a.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient for one day.

Mrs. Husted was a homemaker, a resident of Hicksville and a member of the Hicksville Church of Christ.

She was born April 27, 1917, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to the late David and Emma (Worthington) Bell.

She married Mahlon Husted on Oct. 13, 1934, in Defiance, Ohio, and he died Feb. 16, 1987.

Surviving are four sons, Earl of Auburn, Carl of Sherwood, Larry of Hicksville and Gerald of Columbus Grove, Ohio; two daughters, Betty Cline of Sherwood, Ohio, and Christina Warnke of Napoleon, Ohio; one sister, Rosa Reinhart of Hicksville; 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Eddie; one daughter, Virginia Husted; two sisters and eight brothers.

Friends may call Friday after 4 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Ken Wellman, minister of the First Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jason Lyon

TEXARKANA, Texas — Jason Caleb Lyon, 5, died Friday at his home in Texarkana.

He was born in Abilene, Texas, to Alan and Diane Lyon, who survive.

Also surviving, are one brother, Joshua "Brother," at home; his grandparents, Maurice and Teresa Sanfacon of Rochester, N.H., and Russell and Ann Lyon of Huntertown; and two great-grandfathers, Jacob Kell of Huntertown and Russell F. Lyon of Butler.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

A memorial service took place Tuesday in Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cook Children's Medical Center, Bone Marrow Unit, Office of Development, 801 Seventh Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104-2796.

Robert Zerkle

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. Zerkle, 75, died Monday at 4:58 p.m. in his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Zerkle retired in 1986 as a salesman for Bearings Inc. after 11 1/2 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of North Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. He had lived in Fort Wayne since 1973.

He was born Jan. 14, 1922, in Waterloo to the late Guy and Mildred (Zell) Zerkle.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis J.; one daughter, Tamara S. Andes of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Keith of Auburn, Howard of High Point, N.C., and Gerald of Angola; and three sisters, Marge Black and Jean Gonzalez, both of Fort Wayne, and Maxine Meyers of Edgerton, Ohio.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 1 p.m. Richard Dellinger will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the North Congregation, Jehovah's Witnesses.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Jesse Michael Castle** was stillborn Monday. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Syracuse Cemetery, Syracuse. No visitation.

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Deaths/Funerals

M. Lenore Williams

AUBURN — M. Lenore Williams, 81, of Auburn, died today at 12:15 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

A lifetime Auburn resident, she was born Jan. 6, 1916, to Ira C. and Ida M. (Garman) Williams, both now deceased.

She was a 1933 Auburn High School graduate and a 1937 graduate of DePauw University.

Miss Williams worked for 27 years as an accounting supervisor for Dana Corp., Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the DeKalb Sesquicentennial History Book committee, Tri Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Phi. She was a member and past president of the Kenwigs Literary Club. She served on the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum's education committee.

She served on the Eckhart Public Library Board of Trustees for 20 years and was a trustee of the Indiana Library Association. In 1984 she was named the outstanding library trustee of Indiana.

She is survived by many close friends, including Howard R. Thimlar of Auburn.

A sister, Pauline Wyatt, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. David C. Maish of Auburn First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn

Friends may call Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Eckhart Public Library, or DePauw University Alumni Association.

Kenneth Perkins

STROH — Kenneth H. Perkins, 81, of Stroh, died at 11:34 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 8, 1915, in Stroh to Jada and Mary (Hayward) Perkins. On Aug. 1, 1937, in Wolcottville, he married Marie O. Cook. She survives.

Mr. Perkins, a lifetime area resident, was a farmer. He was a member of the Apostolic Temple in South Bend, a charter member of Stroh Lions Club and a former member of the LaGrange County 4-H Fair Association.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Roger (Anna) Boots of Wolcottville, Mrs. Jack (Jane) Owen of Albion, and Mrs. Bill (Patricia) Williams of Mt. Clemens, Mich.; four sons, Jerry Perkins, Larry Perkins and Samual Perkins, all of Hudson, and Randy Perkins of South Bend; a sister, Mrs. Charles (Margaret) Lumm of South Bend; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

A grandchild preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Robert Kirtlan, the Rev. Randy Perkins and the Rev. Bill Williams officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Fruriptmay Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to the Stroh Fire Department or Stroh Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Beverly J. Cleveland**, 59, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Karsten Williams

FREMONT — Karsten D. Williams, 18, died Wednesday at 5:12 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was a senior at Fremont High School and worked part-time at Rapid Raceway. His hobbies included racing go-carts and stock cars in competition.

He was born Oct. 19, 1978, in Angola to Toby G. and Tammy L. (Cleverly) Williams. His father preceded him in death in 1992.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Tammy and Scott Charters of Fremont; his brother, Kip Williams of Pleasant Lake; his sister, Sierra Charters of Fremont; and grandparents, Bill and Sharon Cleverly of Fremont, Elladean Masters of Angola, Birdenia Williams of Pleasant Lake, and Ervin Williams of Texas.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. The Rev. Thomas Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Fremont High School auto shop class.

Robert DePew

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Earl DePew, 54, of Kendallville, died at 11:46 p.m. Wednesday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital.

He was born Nov. 26, 1942, in Kendallville to Loren and Mae (Longyear) DePew. His mother survives in LaGrange. On Jan. 1 1965, in Corunna, he married Linnea Heathers. She also survives.

Mr. DePew, a lifetime Noble County resident, was a dairy farmer. He also was manager of Sylvan Lake Service, Rome City. He was a member of the Noble County 4-H program, a 4-H superintendent of dairy cattle and assistant superintendent of the dairy club.

Surviving with his wife and mother are four daughters, Lee Ann DePew and Renee DePew, both of Kendallville, Mrs. Steven (Robin) Furhman of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Jeffrey (Lori) Bowman of Morton, Ill.; six grandchildren, Phillip, Elizabeth and Faith Bowman, Heidi and Nick Furhman and Heather Wade; his mother-in-law, Edna Heathers of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Sharon DePew of LaGrange; and two nephews, Mike and Dave DePew.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard DePew, earlier this month.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Phillip Rogers officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Noble County 4-H or to organ transplants.

Helen Gerken

FREMONT — Helen E. Gerken, 88, died Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Gerken was a teacher for 29 years in Butler and in Ridgeville Corners, Ohio. She was was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Retired Teachers Association.

She was born March 1, 1909, in Henry County, Ohio, to William and Emma (Wildung) Meyer.

On Aug. 2, 1939, she married Edwin Gerken. He survives her in Fremont.

She also is survived by two daughters, Mary McDonald of Angola and Ruth Messer of Auburn, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Clear Lake Lutheran Church. The Rev. Kenneth Redmann will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Clear Lake Lutheran Church and Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

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Marjorie Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie Ascenath (Cunningham) Blech, 84, of Kendallville, died at 11:55 p.m. Thursday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill since August.

She was born in Kendallville May 30, 1912, to George and Mary Margaret (Martin) Cunningham. On May 19, 1930, in South Bend, she married Kenneth Owen Blech. He preceded her in death Nov. 3, 1992.

Mrs. Blech had lived in this community most of her life. She and her husband owned and operated the Palace of Sweets from 1950-75 and she also worked for the Chicago Motor Club. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Athena Club in Garrett, Wayne Township Extension Homemakers' Club, Kendallville Friends of the Library, a 50-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Kendallville Business & Professional Women's Club, where she served as president from 1963-65. She was a volunteer for the McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary with more than 4,200 hours and had served as president and secretary. She was also a volunteer at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Surviving are two daughters, Joann Ruth Rissner and Mrs. Wally (Janice) Smith, both of Kendallville; a son, John H. Blech of Crown Point; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, a great-granddaughter, two sisters, Martha Manhout and Marguerite (Frymier) Shanower, and three brothers, John, Clinton "Ted," and Paul Cunningham.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Saturday and 5-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Jimmy Compton

GARRETT — Jimmy Luther Compton, 51, died Thursday at 9 p.m. in his home on East Quincy Street, Garrett.

Mr. Compton worked for the road department in Floyd County, Ky.

He was born Jan. 12, 1946, in Floyd County to Leonard and Linda (Mullins) Compton. His mother survives in Albion, Mich., and his father is deceased.

He married Cynthia Ann Spears on Oct. 31, 1970, in Clintwood, Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Cher Collins of Sturgis, Mich., and Tammy Hoover and Emogene Gayheart, both of Garrett; one son, Jimmy Compton of Rome City; seven brothers, Ronnie, Tracy, Thomas, and Willie, all of Albion, Mich., Russell and Bill, both of Garrett, and James of Springport, Mich.; six sisters, Maxine Perry, Vickie Renfro and Alberta Delauder, all of Garrett, Madgie Bryant of Albion, Mich., Joann Oats of Homer, Mich., and Rosalee Stanely of Wheelwright, Ky.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Bethel Christian Baptist Church, U.S. 6 and State Road 9, Kendallville. Pastor Charles Mosley will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Friends may call at the church today after 3 p.m. and Saturday until the funeral begins.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Harold Nelson

AUBURN — Harold E. Nelson, 68, died Thursday at 8:03 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Nelson had retired in 1994 after eight years as a parts and service manager at Bob Jackson Ford, Fort Wayne. He was a member of the New Hope Christian Center and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He was born Oct. 25, 1928, to Ernest and Edna (Harter) Nelson. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Edward M. and Kenneth E. of Auburn, and William A. of Waterloo; one daughter, Kathy A. Mallard of Athen, Texas; one brother, Donald of Auburn; two sisters, Beverly Stahl of South Whitley and Betty Pring of Tacoma, Wash.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A son, Steven, and a sister, Jeannette Whittig, preceded him in death.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the New Hope Christian Center. The Rev. Ralph Diehl, pastor of the New Hope Christian Center, will officiate. Calling will begin one hour before the service.

Memorial gifts may be presented to the New Hope Christian Center. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Brady Bolen

WATERLOO — Brady Bolen, 69, died Sunday morning in Waterloo.

Mr. Bolen was a retired coal miner and had lived in Waterloo for seven years. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a Baptist church in Garrett, Ky.

He was born Oct. 1, 1927, in Hueysville, Ky., to Troy and Elsie (Hicks) Bolen. His father is deceased and his mother survives.

Also surviving are his wife, Madgie (Terry) Bolen of Waterloo; two sons, Marlin Bolen of Leo and Lacy Bolen of Auburn; three daughters, Doris Ann Bailey of Waterloo, Dorlis Landers of Florida and Ruby Mullins of Ohio; two brothers, Bennie Bolen of Auburn and Jackie Bolen of Garrett; five sisters, Tribley Collins of Paintsville, Ky., Lilly Shepherd, Devottis Crager and Shirley Clay, all of Hueysville, and Lois Barnett of Florida; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Eddie and Larry, preceded him in death.

Funeral services took place Wednesday at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, Hindman, Ky., with Sterlin Bolen officiating.

Burial was in Will Terry Cemetery, Hueysville.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Howard Musser**, 69, of Wolcottville, died at 5:20 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Visitation today from 2-8 p.m.

STURGIS, MICH. — **Ellis Ray Reichard**, 92, died at 11:50 p.m. Thursday at his residence. In 1962 he moved to Sturgis from LaGrange. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Visitation 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

LEESBURG, FLA. — **Charles E. "Gene" Blaine**, 72, of Leesburg, Fla. and formerly of Fort Wayne and Wolcottville, died Thursday at 9 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Services 1 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

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Deaths/Funerals

Nora Ritchhart

GARRETT — Nora M. Ritchhart, 61, died Friday at 5:50 p.m. in the Cleveland Clinic at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Ritchhart was employed at Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn, for 25 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Eagles Lodge, and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, all in Garrett. She lived on South Franklin Street in Garrett.

She was born March 16, 1936, in Bluffton to the late George Anthony Wayne and Marie B. (Barton) Justice.

She married Larry Ritchhart on Oct. 13, 1995, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Melody Weil of Corunna and Dawn Sickmiller of Auburn; three sons, Ronald Heimert of LaOtto, Phillip Bishop of Jonesville, Mich., and Guy Bishop of Garrett; one brother, John Smith of Bluffton; two sisters, Erlene Niblick of Bluffton and Helen of Denver, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted tonight at 8 in the funeral home, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Ruth Ruderman

HUNTERTOWN — Ruth E. Ruderman, 81, of Huntertown, died Sunday at 12:42 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A former Auburn resident, Mrs. Ruderman was co-owner of A & M Ruderman Potato and Onion Farm. She retired in 1974 as personnel manager for the City of Fort Wayne, and served under mayors Ivan Lebamoff and Win Moses, Jr. She was a member of the Democratic National Committee and vice-chairwoman for the Allen County Democratic Party. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star chapter 136 in Churubusco. She also was a member of the Sigma Beta Sorority, and was named the sorority's Girl of the Year in 1956.

Mrs. Ruderman was born Oct. 8, 1915, in Green Township, Noble County, to Don L. Brown and Ina M. (Simon), who preceded her in death.

On June 26, 1936, she married Morris Ruderman in LaOtto. He died April 24, 1969.

Mrs. Ruderman is survived by two sisters, Shirley E. Wiley of Ellenton, Fla., and Wilma M. Perry of Sebring, Fla.; two nephews, Ronald N. Bruce of Kendallville and Dennis L. Bruce of Huntertown; and one niece, Maxine J. Hart of Hudson.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Donald C. Brown.

Funeral services will conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Philip Schamehorn of Our Hope Lutheran Church, Huntertown, officiating.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-9 p.m. or one half-hour prior to funeral services Wednesday.

Burial will be at the Eel River Cemetery in rural Churubusco.

Memorials may be made to the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department, the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department, or Our Hope Lutheran Church, Huntertown.

Virginia Bellis

ANGOLA — Virginia L. Bellis, 53, died Saturday at 8:10 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 6, 1943, in Anderson to Garland C. and Helen L. (Hutson) Basey.

On Sept. 10, 1966, she married Gerald Bellis and became a homemaker. He survives her in Angola.

Mrs. Bellis also is survived by three brothers, George Shock Jr. of Alexandria, Sonny Schock of Anderson and Gary Basey of El Cajon, Calif.; and four sisters, Carol Cannon of Angola, Rita Rains and Zenia James, both of Fountain Valley, Colo., and Susie Miller of New Port Richey, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Judy Garner.

Funeral services begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola with visitation one hour before the service. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate at the funeral. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family in care of Gerald Bellis.

John Coney Sr.

LAGRANGE — John Franklin Coney Sr., 70, of LaGrange, died at 5 p.m. Saturday in Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

He was born Jan. 14, 1927, in LaGrange to Gaylord D. and Bernice M. (Bickel) Coney. On June 2, 1945, in Little Rock, Ark., he married Betty L. Fleck. She survives.

Mr. Coney, a lifetime LaGrange County resident, retired in 1990 after 26 1/2 years with Dometic Duo-Therm in LaGrange. He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ and LaGrange American Legion Post 215, and he was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Frankie JoAnn Springer of LaGrange, Mrs. Richard (Penny) Cope of Angola, and Pamela Coney of Wolcottville; two sons, John Franklin Coney Jr. of Martinton, Ill., and Roger Craig Coney of Frankfort, Ky.; three sisters, Violet Davis of Lake Placid, Fla., Evelyn Murphy of LaGrange, and Mrs. Gail (Retha) O'Hara of Howe; two brothers, Raymond Coney of Kendallville, and Glen Coney of LaGrange; 17 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gaylord Coney Jr. and Ronnie Coney.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Robert Kirtlan officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Dorothy Sailer

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Dorothy C. Sailer, 63, died Sunday at 1:30 a.m. in her Mark Center home. She had been in failing health for several months.

She worked at the Ohio Art Co. in Bryan, Ohio, for 20 years. She was a member of Mark Center United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sailer was born Aug. 30, 1933, in Allen County, Ind., to the late Carl and Elsa (Schmidt) Pieper.

She married Bud Sailer on Nov. 29, 1952, in Woodburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Candace Horney of Marietta, Ga., and Charlene Flickinger of Defiance, Ohio; three brothers, Melvin Pieper and Wilbert Pieper, both of Fort Wayne, and Oscar Pieper of Paulding, Ohio; four sisters, Marcella Harrison of Fort Wayne, Lucille Smithhart of Woodburn, Evelyn James of Payne, Ohio, and Ruth Ann Hootman of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

Two brothers, Raymond Pieper and Norbert Pieper, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday after 7 p.m., Wednesday after noon, and Thursday after 9 a.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in Mark Center United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, Paulding County, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark Center United Methodist Church or Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County.

Bessie Stetler

FREMONT — Bessie L. Stetler, 87, of Fremont, died at 10 p.m. Friday in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

She was born Feb. 23, 1910, in Steuben County to Earl and Kathryn (Housman) Throop. She married Amos W. Stetler and he preceded her in death in 1984.

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Mrs. Stetler was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Marilyn) Lellet of Albion; four sons, Leon Stetler of Albion, Willard Stetler and Noel Stetler, both of Fremont, and Blaine Stetler of Flagler Beach, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Madge Hill of Adrian, Mich., and Lucille Albright of Reading, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn Stetler.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. John Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery, Fremont.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Steuben County Council on Aging.

David Miller

SAN PIERRE, Ind. — David Miller, 48, died Friday while on vacation in Branson, Mo., after apparently suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Miller worked for E.D.S. data service at Bethlehem Steel Mills in San Pierre. He graduated from Crown Point High School at Crown Point in 1966. He also graduated from Purdue University at Hammond. He was a Vietnam veteran.

He was born Nov. 13, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Howard and Carolyn (Sipe) Miller. They survive in Mooresville.

Also surviving is one brother, Dennis of Greenwood.

One brother, Laurence "Larry," preceded him in death.

Friends may call tonight after 7, Tuesday after 2 p.m. and Wednesday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral, Hicksville.

Services will be held conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Tony Brooks of Newville United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Newville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart Fund.

Roy Mock

BUTLER — Roy A. Mock, 87, died Sunday in his Butler home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Earleen Gehring

KENDALLVILLE — Earleen M. Gehring, 84, of Kendallville, died at 3:30 a.m. Sunday in her residence. She had been seriously ill the past year.

She was born in DeKalb County Nov. 2, 1912, to Earl F. and Ella (Pooler) Heign. On Oct. 22, 1936, in Wolcottville, she married Arthur Gehring. He survives.

Mrs. Gehring was a graduate of Waterloo High School and St. Luke's School of Nursing in Chicago. She was a registered nurse in the recovery room at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She retired in 1975. She had also been a nurse for Dr. Robert Bryan. She was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church and its UMW.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Eickholtz of Kendallville; a son, Donald Gehring of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Tom Eickholtz of Kendallville, Cheryl Kruekeberg of West Lafayette, Laura DeHart and John Gehring, both of Indianapolis, and Karen High of Louisville, Ky.; and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Floyd and Richard Heign, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Phil Abram officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is one hour before services on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church or the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **R. Marjorie Waddell**, 92, died Saturday. Memorial services at 10 a.m. Friday in Miller's Merry Manor Chapel, LaGrange. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Roy Aker

ANGOLA — Roy J. Aker, 90, died Monday at 12:02 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Aker was the owner of Aker & Crain Well Drilling, a farmer and a Baptist.

He was born Oct. 26, 1906, in Bluffton to Charles T. and Francis (Falk) Aker.

On Dec. 12, 1927, he married Mae (Dunwoody) Aker. She survives him in Angola.

He is also survived by one daughter, Roseann Crain of Indianapolis; one brother, Russell Aker of Coldwater, Mich.; three sisters, Martha Mendenhall and Jeanette Aker, both of Pleasant Lake, and Freda Strehlow of Hudson; three grandchildren, Steven Crain and Cyndi Nusbaum, both of Angola, and Denna Clark of Valparaiso; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and four sisters.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Star Hope Cemetery, Markle.

Gladys Blackburn

ANGOLA — Gladys J. Blackburn, 88, of Angola, died at 4:04 p.m. Monday in Cameron Memorial Hospital's emergency room.

She was born in Monroeville Aug. 27, 1908, to Marion and Gertrude (Bright) Johnson. On June 20, 1928, in Hudson, she married Ross J. Blackburn. He preceded her in death March 21, 1958.

Mrs. Blackburn was a graduate of Ashley High School, Manchester College and Ball State University. She had been a teacher of Spanish and home economics in high school and was an art teacher in elementary school. She had taught in Scott Center, St. Joe, Spencerville and Harlan schools. For two years in South America, she was a Wycliffe Bible translator. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and Laubauch Literacy Coalition in both Fort Wayne and Angola. She had lived in Hudson and Harlan before moving to Lakeland Apartments in Angola. For the past three years she had resided in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Surviving are a son, John Paul Blackburn of rural Hudson; a sister, Geraldine Tubbs of Angola; four grandchildren, Peggy Lechlitner of Goshen, and Mark Blackburn, Tim Blackburn and Susan Ferrell, all of Angola; 12 great-grandchildren; three nieces; and three nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

James George

AUBURN — James H. George, 76, died Monday at 1:48 p.m. in Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. George retired in 1985 as a laborer for Zollner Pistons, Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a lifelong resident of rural Auburn.

He was born Jan. 19, 1921, in Auburn to the late Walter V. and Viola B (Grogg) George.

He married Flossie J. Dorsey on Nov. 19, 1960, in Butler, and she died in December 1995.

Surviving him are one son, James H. of Bardstown, Ky.; one daughter, Jane A. George of Auburn; one stepson, Keith DePew of Ohio; one sister, Evelyn George of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

One daughter, Jean Ellen George, and one sister, Virginia Roberts, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be Thursday in the funeral home at a time to be decided. Burial will be at a later date in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, 3015 S. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46806.

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Area Deaths

Barbara Thews

HAMMOND — Barbara J. Thews, 61, died Monday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was employed by Lever Brothers Co., Hammond.

She was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Bronson, Mich., to Robert and Emily (Paliga) Teller. Her mother survives her in Angola.

She is also survived by two sons, Jerry Thews of Pleasant Lake and Robert Thews of Ashley; one daughter, Debbie Love of Youngstown, Ohio; and one brother, Richard Teller of Munster.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Teller; and a brother, Larry Teller.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Father Robert St. Martin will officiate. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Roy Mock

BUTLER — Roy A. Mock, 87, died Sunday in his Butler home.

Mr. Mock retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler and also worked at the Butler Co.

He was born Aug. 9, 1909, in Butler to the late Earl H. and Dessie (Krontz) Mock.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert "Bud" and Thelma Mock of Guernsey, Ohio; one brother, Hubert of Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Dessie Kramer of Edgerton, Ohio; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a friend, Rosie Krontz of Butler.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Ruth Scott, in 1990; one brother, Delbert; and one sister, Ruby Merson.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dorothy Young**, 73, died Monday. Private services.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Clark

BUTLER — Dorothy May Clark, 94, died Tuesday afternoon in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Clark had been a nurse in Chicago for 16 years.

She was born July 7, 1902, in Newville to Roscoe and Bertha Warner.

She married Carl R. Clark on Dec. 22, 1920, in Auburn and he died Feb. 21, 1984.

Surviving are two nephews, Carl Warner and Earl Warner, both of Butler; and one sister-in-law, Esther Clark of Hicksville.

One brother, Roy Warner, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

James George

AUBURN — Services for James H. George, 76, will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, with calling after 9 a.m.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mr. George died Monday at 1:48 p.m. in Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1985 as a laborer for Zollner Pistons, Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a lifelong resident of rural Auburn.

He was born Jan. 19, 1921, in Auburn to the late Walter V. and Viola B (Grogg) George.

He married Flossie J. Dorsey on Nov. 19, 1960, in Butler, and she died in December 1995.

Surviving him are one son, James H. of Bardstown, Ky.; one daughter, Jane A. George of Auburn; one stepson, Keith DePew of Ohio; one sister, Evelyn George of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

One daughter, Jean Ellen George, and one sister, Virginia Roberts, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, 3015 S. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46806.

Mary Whysong

ANGOLA — Mary L. Whysong, 94, of Angola, died Monday in her residence.

She was born in Lawrence, Mich., on Aug. 30, 1902, to Herbert and Eva Allen. She married Samuel L. Whysong and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Whysong, a homemaker, attended the Church of God in LaGrange.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Kimling, address unknown, and Mrs. Jerome (Rose) Zajac of Hammond; and a son, Phillip Whysong of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Private graveside services were held at 10 a.m. today in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Berlin Sexton**, 73, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, with calling there from 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Robert Reesman

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill — Donations in memory of Robert Reesman may be sent to: Foundry Education Foundation, 484 East Northwest Highway, Des Plaines, IL 60016-2202.

An incorrect zip code was provided to us for his obituary, published in our March 24 edition.

Mr. Reesman, 56, died March 21 in his Crystal Lake home after a short illness. He was vice president and general manager at Auburn Foundry in the 1980s.

Bernard Kief

LIGONIER — Bernard L. Kief, 84, of Ligonier, died at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday in Oak Leaf Village, Ligonier. He had been ill three years.

He was born in Elkhart Nov. 22, 1912, to Arthur and Hester (Beckner) Kief. He first married Helen Wirick and she preceded him in death in 1975. He then married Dorothy Nelson, who preceded him in death in 1993.

Mr. Kief was superintendent for the Kidd Marshmallows plant. Following retirement from there, he worked for Ligonier Health Facility as an aide. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier and a life member of Ligonier Eagles Lodge.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Bush of Kimmell; three stepsons, Robert Nelson of Kentucky, and Donald Nelson and Larry Nelson, both of Texas; two brothers, James Kief of Ligonier, and Darold Kief of Auburn; a sister, Betty Snider of Goshen; five grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Deaths/Funerals

Sara Meyer

ANGOLA — Sara Elizabeth "Betty" Meyer, 84, died Wednesday at 4:25 p.m. in the Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She graduated from Pleasant Lake High School and Hillsdale College. She had been a third-grade teacher in Angola.

Mrs. Meyer was a member of the Psi Iota Xi-Rho Chapter, Francis Elliott Clark Music Club, and First Congregational United Church of Christ. She was a volunteer for Steuben County Mobile Meals.

She was born Oct. 10, 1912, in Pleasant Lake to Charles and Gertrude E. (Ransburg) Gilbert. On May 23, 1940, she married George Meyer, and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1980.

She is survived by one son, Mike Meyer of Huntertown; three daughters, Sue Summers of Fort Wayne, Marcia Hines of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; and Patty Younker of Winter Springs, Fla.; two brothers, Roger Gilbert of Angola and Lawrence Gilbert of Winter Park, Fla.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. The Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

Bonnie Ringler

ANGOLA — Bonnie Leona Ringler, 59, died Wednesday at 6:53 p.m. at her daughter's home in Ashley.

She worked as a machine operator for Bundy Tubing Corp. in Ashley and had worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola for 20 years. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley.

She was born oAug. 28, 1937, in LaGrange County to Dayton L. and Mable R. (Gaskill) Halferty.

She is survived by three sons, Mike and Charles, both of Angola, and Randy of Deadwood Ore.; two daughters, Rebah Carrick of Rotanda West, Fla., and Linda Richards of Ashley; one brother, Franklin Halferty of LaGrange; two stepbrothers, Elmer George and Lester George, both of New Haven; two stepsisters, Mildred Judd-Jonesboro of Ark., and Irene Smith of Columbia City; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Michael Richards, in 1983; and one brother, Donal Halferty.

Friends may visit Sunday from 4-8 p.m. the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Pastor Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Society and DeKalb County Hospice.

Kenneth Elson

CROMWELL — Kenneth Edwin Elson, 72, of Cromwell, died Thursday in his residence.

A Garrett native, Mr. Elson was retired from Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier. He had also worked for Syracuse Street and Water Department.

Surviving are a daughter, Denise Elson of Elkhart; a brother, Robert Elson of Cromwell; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home, Syracuse. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Francis E. "Sonny" Workman**, 62, died Thursday. Services Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Saturday in the funeral home.

CROMWELL — **Kenneth Edwin Elson**, 72, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Kathy Ann Metz**, 49, died Thursday. Private family services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. No calling.

Deaths/Funerals

William Berning

ALBION — William C. Berning, 67, died at 2 a.m. Friday in his Albion home.

Mr. Berning was a member of the Wolf Lake VFW, the Garrett American Legion Post 178, the General Electric Quarter Century Club, and was a graduate of Fort Wayne North Side High School. In 1987 he retired from General Electric with 35 years of service.

Mr. Berning was born Nov. 29, 1929. in Fort Wayne, to William C. and Mildred L. (Shoemaker) Berning. He spent most of his life in Fort Wayne until 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria J., whom he married on Aug. 2, 1952; two sons, Steven C. of Garrett and Gale W. of Kendallville; three daughters, Linda J. Moore and Marian L. Curdes, both of Fort Wayne, and Cathy S. Juricak of Columbia City; a sister; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Dr. Lane Burgland officiating.

Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be conducted by the American Legion Post 178.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **James Allen Pancake Sr.**, 57, died Friday at 5:30 a.m. in his home near Ormas. Funeral services Monday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling Sunday, 3-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

WOODBURN — **Shirley M. Hirschy**, 64, of Woodburn, died Wednesday in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Funeral services 10 a.m. Monday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Calling 2-5 and 709 p.m. Sunday.

HOAGLAND — **Margaret E. Koenemann**, 83, died Thursday. Funeral services 2 p.m. Sunday in St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen. Calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to noon Sunday in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday in the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Randy Richmond

HAMILTON — Randy Lain Richmond, 41, died Friday evening in his home on Terry Lake, Hamilton.

Mr. Richmond worked at Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn for 15 years.

He was born Oct. 7, 1955, in Auburn to Raymond DeLain and Phyllis (Blaker) Richmond. His mother survives in Pleasant Lake and his father died in 1994.

Also surviving are one daughter, Rachel Marie Richmond of Pleasant Lake; and one sister, Candy A. Hoover of Auburn.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Steven Houser officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Rachel Richmond Educational Fund.

Gerald Rouch

LIGONIER — Gerald J. Rouch, 71, of Ligonier, died at 1:45 p.m. Saturday in his residence. He had been seriously ill the past week.

He was born in Auburn on Sept. 24, 1925, to William A. and Myrcenethe (Ditton) Rouch. On Nov. 24, 1952, in Angola, he married Marjorie Wentworth. She survives.

Mr. Rouch, a factory worker, retired in 1986 from Sea Nymph Boat Manufacturing in Syracuse.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Jennifer Bolen and Cheryl Hart, both of Kendallville; three sons, Randy Rouch of Albion, and David Rouch and Gerald Rouch, both of Kendallville; a sister, Helen Hansen of Danville, Ill.; and 15 grandchildren.

One grandchild preceded him in death.

There will be no funeral services or visitation.

Burial was at 10 a.m. today in Rehoboth Cemetery, rural Albion.

Preferred memorials are to CompreCare Home Health.

June Rowe

ANGOLA — June A. Rowe, 71, died Sunday at 8 p.m. in her Angola home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Rowe was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Noble County to the late Homer and HenRetta (Christlieb) Snyder.

She married Albert E. Rowe on Aug. 28, 1970, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert E. Boyle of Coldwater, Mich.; three daughters, Patsy J. LeLand of Garrett, Sharon K. Dean of Green Bay, Wis., and RoseMary Boyle of Angola; two stepsons, Gene Rowe of Angola and John A. Rowe of Albion; two stepdaughters, Mary Ann Warner of Waterloo and Ethel Jennings of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Homer Snyder of Angola; two sisters, Louella Boyle of Albion and Ellen Rowe of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 15 stepgrandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ralph and Johnny Snyder, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Eva Lampe

FORT WAYNE — Eva M. Lampe, 87, of Fort Wayne, died at 3:15 p.m. Sunday in Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born March 31, 1910, in Adams County to Thomas E. and Lucinda (Beitler) Johnson.

Mrs. Lampe, a homemaker, had lived in Fort Wayne 58 years. She was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Martin of Fort Wayne; a son, Gene Lampe of Avilla; a sister, Mary Ann Brookhart of Angola; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin C. Lampe, in 1992.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Road, with the Rev. John Strube officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Ascension Lutheran Church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Anna Donat

ROME CITY — Anna Gertrude Donat, 90, of Rome City, died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She was born Feb. 27, 1907, in Noble County to Louis and Éffa (Fike) Thomas. On Aug. 12, 1925, in Albion, she married Cleo Marion Donat. He preceded her in death July 15, 1971.

Mrs. Donat, a lifetime area resident, was a homemaker and member of Rome City United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris Bailey of Muncie; four sons, Walter Edwin Donat, Richard E. Donat and Larry LeRoy Donat, all of Rome City, and Herbert Lee Donat of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Helen Fay of Rome City, and Genevieve Donat of Coos Bay, Ore.; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Wayne and Hazel Becker of Studio City, Calif.

She was preceded in death by a son, Cleo, on July 7, 1977; and two brothers, Kenneth Thomas and Edgar Thomas.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Harold North officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Rome City United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Janet N. Stull**, 60, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in First Presbyterian Church, Albion. Calling 3-8 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

ALBION — **David R. Lawson Sr.**, 69, died Thursday. No services.

LIGONIER — **Alta E. Flint**, 91, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Gerald J. Rouch**, died Saturday. No services.

ROME CITY — **Anna Gertrude Donat**, 90, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Wanda M. Miller** was stillborn at 11:45 a.m. Saturday. Graveside services were held in Clearspring Cemetery in Topeka on Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dale Everett Judd**, 66, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Bertha May Wolfe**, 85, died Thursday. Graveside services were today in Fort Wayne.

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Donald Sellers

ORLAND — Donald P. Sellers, 69, died Monday at 10:30 a.m. at his home in Orland.

Mr. Sellers was a farmer and the director of the Production Credit Association. He was a 55-year member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, a former member of the Prairie Heights school board, and a member of the Michigan Trail Riders and the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board.

He was born Oct. 22, 1927, in Steuben County to Kenneth and Ava (Hanson) Sellers. He married Ann Sellers. She preceded him in death.

He is survived by his companion, Katherine Fuller; his stepmother, Gladys Sellers of Orland; three daughters, Sharman (and husband, Steve) Weber, and Julie (and husband, Mark) Ridenour, both of Angola; and Rhonda (and husband, Alan) Knisely of Orland; two sons, Mark of Angola and Ron of Orland; his sister, Jane (and husband, David) Coler of Angola; and nine grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his brother, Gerald Sellers.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 11 a.m.Thursday in the funeral home. Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cameron Hospice and Steuben County 4-H.

Kay Sowers

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Kay A. Sowers, 36, died Sunday at 6 p.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Sowers was employed at Zanxx Cooper Corp. in Garrett for the past three years. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1980 and lived on State Route 2 in Hicksville.

She was born Jan. 11, 1961, in Hicksville to Glenn A. and Karen P. (Burley) Myers. Her mother and stepfather, Karen and James Stephenson of Monroeville, survive and her father is deceased.

She married Wayne R. Sowers on Jan. 9, 1981, in Hicksville, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Nina Kay at home, Tina Holmen of Defiance, Ohio, and Sara Prescott of Hamilton, one son, Wayne R. "Richie" Sowers Jr. of Taylor, Mich.; three brothers, Kevin Myers of Fort Drum, N.Y., Robert Myers of Harlan, and Tim Myers of Roanoke; four sisters, Kelly Jones, Koreen Sleesman and Jody Helbert, all of Hicksville, and Keresha Royer of Monroeville; two stepsisters, Narla Trabel of Monroeville and Candy Jo Stephenson of Kansas City, Kan.; one stepbrother, Michael Trabel of Zulu; one stepgrandmother, Phyllis Stephenson of Monroeville; and three grandchildren.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a son, Ryan Wayne Sowers; her grandparents, Walter and Helen Myers, and Ernest and LaMoile Burley; and a stepgrandfather, Keith Stephenson.

Friends may call today after 6 p.m. and Wednesday after 1 p.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. Lloyd Turnbull will officiate. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery at Farmer, Ohio.

Memorial contributions to the Sowers Family Education Fund are preferred.

Donald Denning

JEROME, Mich. — Donald Denning, 72, died Monday at his home in Jerome, Mich.

Mr. Denning worked many years for the Hillsdale County Road Commission and retired as a truck driver for Croad Asphalt. He was a World War II paratrooper in the Army Air Corps in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a lifelong Hillsdale County resident.

He was born Aug. 18, 1924, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Frank and Hazel (Cook) Denning.

He married Mayme Elizabeth McDowell in 1948 and she died in 1963. He married Susan Fish on May 30, 1970, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Cindy Sanderson of Auburn, Roxanne Morrison of Reading, Mich., Mayme Fish of Jonesville, Mich., and Helen Anderson of Osseo, Mich.; three sons, Gary Snow of Hillsdale, Don R. Denning of Charlton, Mass., and Brent Denning of Pittsford, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Sharon Reed of Pittsford; three sisters, Doris VanCamp of Hillsdale, Martha Sanborn of Sault St. Marie, Mich., and Ella Worden of Jonesville; one brother, Howard Denning of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 15 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Three brothers, two sisters and one great-grandchild preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Eagle Funeral Home, Jonesville.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rochelle Ray officiating. Burial will be in Moscow Plains Cemetery.

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Velma Evers

ROME CITY — Velma Julia Evers, 77, died Monday at 4:15 p.m. in McCray Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Evers retired in 1978 from R.P. Wakefield Corp. in Waterloo with 15 years of service. She was a member of Bethel Christian Church in Kendallville and lived on East Northport Road in Rome City.

She was born May 1, 1919, in Canton, Ohio. Her parents were Julius Nagy and Julia Nagy Candle.

She married Frank V. Evers on Sept. 12, 1936, in New Cumberland, W. Va., and he died Sept. 28, 1976.

Surviving her are four daughters, Norma Jean Womack of Auburn, B. Mae Rathburn of Kendallville, Dorothy Marie Abbott of Wolcottville, and E. Irene Case of Hudson; three sons, Jerry Byers of Westfield, Mass., William Lee Evers of Rome City and Keith Larry Evers of Hudson; one brother, Richard Candle of Akron, Ohio; one sister, Betty Perez of Los Angeles; 20 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Mount Zion Cemetery near Golden Lake in Steuben County.

Mary Mitchell

ST. JOE — Mary E. Mitchell, 76, died Saturday at her home in St. Joe.

Mrs. Mitchell was a homemaker and had resided in DeKalb County for nine years. She was born April 5, 1921, in Bellevue, Ohio.

She is survived by two sons, John of Auburn and Daniel of Blissfield, Mich; five daughters, Donna King of St. Joe, Mary Mitchell of Sandusky, Ohio, Carolyn Berggren of Phoenix, Deborha Berggren of Laveene, Ariz., and Lois Heibert of Bozeman, Mont.; a brother, Clayton Weiker of Fremont, Ohio; a sister, Marian Bowman of Findlay, Ohio; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning in the County Line Church of God, Auburn. Burial was in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Calling took place Sunday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan, which was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the WBCL radio station, Fort Wayne, or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Brandi Beerbower

BUTLER — Brandi Lynn Beerbower, 18, died Monday afternoon in her Butler home.

She attended Eastside High School, where she was active in the music and drama departments. She was also a member of the Eastside color guard and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler.

Miss Beerbower was born Feb. 23, 1979, in Fort Wayne to Ned and Linda (LaRowe) Beerbower. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are one sister, Lucinda Beerbower, at home; her maternal grandmother, Harriett LaRowe of Edgerton, Ohio; her paternal grandparents, Ray and Vivian Beerbower of Leo; her godmother, Zella Warstler of Auburn; and several aunts and uncles.

Her maternal grandfather, Clyde LaRowe, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Richard Kraus, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Eastside High School music and drama departments, or to the church.

Dorothy Hosek

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Dorothy H. Hosek, 86, died Tuesday at 9 p.m. at The Laurels of Coldwater, in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Hosek was a retired housekeeper.

She was born Jan. 5, 1911, in Ray to David and Daisy (Gary) Priest.

On May 30, 1936, she married William Hosek. He survives her in Montgomery.

She also is survived by two sons, David (and wife Gloria) Hosek and Kenny Hosek, both of Montgomery; her daughter, Kay (and husband James) Knauss of Mesa, Ariz.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 3 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. Earl Armstrong will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont Township.

Memorial gifts may be made to CompreCare Home Health Care or the California United Presbyterian Church.

Jacqueline Snyder

AUBURN — Jacqueline M. Snyder, 62, died Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Snyder retired in 1991 as a laborer at Foamex in Auburn with 16 years of service. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville and a 1952 graduate of Avilla High School. She was a lifelong resident of DeKalb County.

She was born May 2, 1934, in DeKalb County to Harold F. and Lorene B. (Hissong) Stabe. Her father survives in Kendallville and her mother is deceased.

She married Donald W. Snyder on Aug. 22, 1954, in Kendallville, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lana J. Kinch of Fort Wayne and Lisa K. McDaniel of Waterloo; two sisters, Sandra L. Hagerty of Kendallville and Sharry J. Wiehe of Columbia City; her stepmother, Betty Stabe; four grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

One son, Lynn A., and one brother, Freddie L. Stabe, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8:30 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Clarence G. McCormick Sr.**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Edith Horwitz

CHICAGO — Edith Horwitz, 88, died Monday evening in Chicago.

Mrs. Horwitz was born Feb. 22, 1905, in Chicago to the late Isadore and Fannie Stone.

She married Myron Horwitz in 1927 in Chicago, and he died in 1984.

Surviving her are one son, Kenneth of Auburn; one daughter, Roseanne Isenberg of North Brook, Ill.; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Eight brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Services were conducted Tuesday in Shalome Memorial Park in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Jack Blaine

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Jack O. Blaine, 80, died Tuesday at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio.

He was a terminal manager for many years for Central Transport Co. He then worked as a fleet manager for The Andersons until his retirement in 1974. He was a decorated World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

A Butler native, he was an active member and past master of Barton Smith Lodge 613, F.&A.M., Scottish Rite, Zenobia Shrine Temple Guards, American Legion Charles Foster Blaker Post, and BPO Elks USA 1575 in Hillsdale. He was an avid sports fan and supporter of Hillsdale College sports programs.

Surviving him are his wife, Margaret Caulkins Blaine; one daughter, Carol Mallendick; two sons, Ronald Salsbury and Daniel Salsbury; one sister, Janet Frakes; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Friday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Walker Funeral Home, 5155 Sylvania Ave.,Toledo. Masonic services will be conducted Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert L. Wueller officiating. Burial will be in Toledo Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, Hillsdale College, or Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and Burns Institute.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Mildred Marie Bellamy**, 75, died Wednesday. Services Tuesday in Albany, Texas.

home. Douglas Deller and the Rev. James Saunders will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Rise Inc., Angola.

This obituary is being published again with additional information.

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Miss Beerbower was born Feb. 23, 1979, in Fort Wayne to Ned and Linda (LaRowe) Beerbower. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are one sister, Lucinda Beerbower, at home; her maternal grandmother, Harriett LaRowe of Edgerton, Ohio; her paternal grandparents, Ray and Vivian Beerbower of Leo; her godmother, Zella Warstler of Auburn; and several aunts and uncles.

Her maternal grandfather, Clyde LaRowe, and her godfather, Teddy Warstler, preceded her in death.

Services were conducted today at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Richard Kraus, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, officiated, with burial in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Eastside High School music and drama departments, or to the church.

Ella Servis

ANGOLA — Ella L. Servis, 93, died Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Servis was a member of the West End Birthday Club and the Angola Christian Church.

She was born July 24, 1903, in Germany to Otto and Carolina (Jutschow) Wiedenhoft. Her family came to the United States in 1906, and she became a U.S. citizen.

On May 4, 1926, she married Clyde Servis and became a homemaker. He preceded her in death on April 23, 1984.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Servis of Garden Grove, Calif., and Richard Servis of Angola; two daughters, Eleanor Hale of Lockport, N.Y., and Betty Beury of Sugarland, Texas; one brother, Otto Wiedenhoft of LaPorte; two sisters, Ida Bohnstadt of Michigan City and Margaret Pavlock of Backus, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and one step-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Marilyn Wenzel; one grandson, Michael Hale; and three brothers, Martin, William and Herman Servis.

Friends may call Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday in the funeral

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Patricia Harrington

AUBURN — Patricia (Faulkner) Brown Harrington, 46, died early Wednesday morning in her home on South Main Street, Auburn.

Ms. Harrington was born Dec. 3, 1950, in Kendallville. Her father and stepmother, Robert and Jean Faulkner, survive in Pleasant Lake and her mother, Bessie (Aceres) Faulkner, is deceased.

Also surviving are one son, Michael Brown of Auburn; one daughter, Michelle Brown of Sacramento, Calif.; one sister, Robin Foster of Hamilton; and one niece, Amanda Foster.

One brother, Larry, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Mumma

ANGOLA — Richard D. "Dick" Mumma, 71, died Wednesday at 2:20 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mumma retired in 1986 as a plumber for General Electric Co. He lived in Angola four years and had spent most of his life in Spencerville. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a member of Concord Lodge 556, F.& A.M. in Spencerville, Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, and American Legion Post 98 and Eagles Lodge, both in Columbia City.

He was born March 12, 1926, in Decatur to the late Morris D. and Georgia L. (Synder) Mumma.

He married his wife, Margaret A., on April 18, 1947, in Columbia City, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two sons, Richard D. of Hollywood, Fla., and David L. of Angola; five daughters, Diana Sue Speidel of Raleigh, N.C., Kathe A. Baker of Springfield,

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Ohio, Vicki C. Forrest of Waterloo, Barbara J. Fuleki of Warsaw, and Beth A. Mumma of Summerville, Fla.; one sister, Lucille Ross of Otter Lake; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. A Masonic service is pending today at the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago or Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Alice Brandeberry

KENDALLVILLE — Alice L. Brandeberry, 69, of Kendallville, died at 5:30 a.m. today in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville. She had been ill approximately one year.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 1, 1927, to Robert and Minnie (Anderson) Fritzius. On Dec. 30, 1949, in Pennsylvania, she married Lester Brandeberry. He preceded her in death Oct. 18, 1993.

Mrs. Brandeberry, a homemaker, was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Cindy) Prater of Auburn; a son, Greg Brandeberry of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Brad and Jack Brandeberry, both of Kendallville, Shannon Brandeberry of Dallas, and Jerry Brandeberry and Christ Prater, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Lee.

Memorial services will be at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall at 1 p.m. Monday with Bruce Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna, at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

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In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Marilyne Wenzel; one grandson, Michael Hale; and three brothers, Martin Servis, William Servis and Herman Wiedenhoft.

Friends may call Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Douglas Deller and the Rev. James Saunders will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to Rise Inc., Angola.

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Helen Dudley

OCALA, Fla. — Helen Wikoff Dudley, 81, died March 25 at 12:25 p.m. in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mrs. Dudley was a charter member and founder of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola; an honorary life member of Presbyterian Women; an ordained elder of the Presbyterian church; a Stephens Minister; and a 30-year member of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization) Sisterhood. She was a resident of the Angola area for 24 years and of Ocala, Fla., for 14 years. She had attended the University of Illinois.

She was born Jan. 2, 1916, in Maroa, Ill., to James Orville and Nellie Edith Wikoff.

On May 7, 1938, she married Edward Frank Dudley Jr. He survives her.

She also is survived by two sons, Edward Frank Dudley III of Ashley and James Robert Dudley of Charlotte, N.C.; one daughter, Deborah Dudley Davis of Angola; one brother, William Franklin Wikoff of Maroa, Ill.; six grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted May 31 at noon in the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955 W. Orland Road, Angola. The Rev. Thomas Smith will officiate. Burial was at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Ocala, Fla.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

Robert Wood

AVILLA — Robert E. Wood, 68, of Avilla, died at 10:27 p.m. Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill approximately one month.

He was born Nov. 19, 1928, in Payne, Ohio. On Nov. 6, 1973, in LaOtto, he married Phyllis Mabis. She survives.

Mr. Wood was an Army veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He retired in 1994 as a custodian from East Noble School Corp. and was member of the Northeast Draft Horse Association.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Kathy Sliger of Corunna; a son, Bryan Gause of Liberty; a sister, Velma Ensley of Wolcottville; a brother, Richard Wood of Utah; and four grandchildren, Ben Gause and Susan Gause, both of Liberty, and Kristine Sliger and Karl Sliger, both of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Ensley and Doris Didion.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

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HOWE — **Bertha J. Newton**, 88, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there from 6-8 p.m. today.

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Walter Stavitzke

ANGOLA — Walter E. Stavitzke Sr., 78, died at home in Angola on Thursday.

A U.S. Navy World War II veteran, he had been a supervisor at L.T.V. Steel Mill. He was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola Moose Lodge, Angola American Legion Post 31, Angola Veteran's of Foreign Wars, and 40 & 8 Voiture 483.

Mr. Stavitzke was born on Nov. 11, 1918, in Whiting to Henry and Ernestine (Demlong) Stavitzke. On Nov. 25, 1939, he married Rosalind (Bell) Stavitzke. She survives him.

He is also survived by two sons, Walter E. Stavitzke Jr. and Richard H. Stavitzke, both of Angola; one daughter, Muriel (and husband, Paul) Murchek of Hammond; two brothers, William Stavitzke and Henry Stavitzke, both of Palmetto, Fla.; one sister, Gertrude Bryant of Palmetto, Fla.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Fritz Stavitzke; and two sisters, Clara and Helen.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home. The Rev. Thomas E. Smith will officiate. Burial will be at Lake Gage Cemetery, Steuben County, with military graveside services performed by the Angola American Legion Post 31.

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Mrs. Brandeberry, a homemaker, was a member of the Kendallville congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Cindy) Prater of Auburn; a son and his wife, Greg and Pat Brandeberry of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Brad and Joshua Brandeberry, both of Kendallville, Shannon Brandeberry of Dallas, and Jeremy Brandeberry and Christ Prater, both of Auburn; and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Lee.

Memorial services will be at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1 p.m. Monday with Bruce Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna, at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Clifford Spearow**, 101, of 2705N — 1100E, Howe, died Thursday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Monday at Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

DENVER — **Charles Everett (Charley) Hall**, 76, of Golden, Colo., died Tuesday. Services were Thursday in Denver where he was buried at Olingers' Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Hathaway

GARRETT — Charles Lloyd Hathaway, 72, died Sunday at 4:10 a.m. at his home on South Johnson Street.

He retired in 1990 from Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn, with 28 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Hathaway was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Fairfield Township to the late Page and Ella (Feller) Hathaway.

He married Beverly Aldrich on Sept. 30, 1949, in Angola and she died April 25, 1993.

Surviving him are two sons, Charles J. of Auburn and Steven of Garrett; two daughters, Rhonda Haynes of Garrett and Roxanne Desouzaguedes of Auburn; one sister, Maxine Berhalter of Kendallville; six grandchildren and one stepgrandaughter.

Three brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Robert Nelson

ANGOLA — Robert L. Nelson Jr., 63, of Angola, died Friday at 10:10 p.m. at the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Healthcare System, Fort Wayne.

A U.S. Navy Korean War veteran, he was a self-employed carpet layer. He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge, Ashley Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born June 23, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Robert L. and Esther (Leazier) Nelson Sr. His mother survives him in Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 6, 1953, he married Nancy L. (Peters) Nelson. She survives him in Angola.

Mr. Nelson is also survived by three sons, Michael, Marc and Matthew, all of Angola; two daughters, Christina Traster of South Milford and Tammy Hayward of Angola; two brothers, Lester of Union City, Ohio, and Dale of Mishawaka; one sister, Margaret Williams of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Masonic service condcuted by the Ashley Masonic Lodge will begin at 8 tonight at the funeral home.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The Rev. Dale Nelson will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, in Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Donald Arnold

ANGOLA — Donald Dean Arnold, 71, of Angola, died Sunday at 8 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

A World War II Army veteran, he graduated from Auburn High School in 1942 and from Tri-State University. He was an auditor for the state of Florida for 15 years. He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church.

Mr. Arnold was born May 1, 1925, in Flint to Warren A. and Virginia (Zeigler) Arnold. On Jan. 1, 1956, he married Virginia (Stoner) Arnold. She preceded him in death in 1994.

He is survived by two sons, John of Des Plaines, Ill., and James of Arlington Heights, Ill.; a daughter, Judy (and husband John) Bishop of Auburn; two brothers, Barton and Carroll, both of Angola; a sister, Joyce Brown of Angola; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard Arnold and Robert Moore; three sisters, Evegeline Fredericks, Doris Arnold and Arlene Roberts.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

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Minnie Frederickson

AUBURN — Minnie E. Frederickson, 87, died Sunday at 4:10 p.m. in her rural Auburn home.

Mrs. Frederickson retired in 1974 as an assembler for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne with 30 years of service. She was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club.

She was born May 3, 1909, in Benzonia, Mich., to the late Robert B. and Goldie L. (Wert) Lung.

She married Charles J. Frederickson on May 7, 1950, in Coldwater, Mich., and he died Nov. 1, 1993.

Surviving her are one daughter, Mary J. Cecil of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Ford Lung of Garrett and Lawrence "Pete" Lung of Bonita Springs, Fla.; three sisters, Bessie Clark of Eagle, Idaho, Elizabeth Griffin of Garrett and Velma Stahl of Auburn; one granddaughter, Rebecca Hartleroad of Ligonier; four stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild, and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 11:30 a.m. The Rev. George A. Cecil, paster of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam, will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cornerstone church building fund.

Wilbur Reinhart

BUTLER — Wilbur D. Reinhart, 77, died Friday at 7:32 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb health care center in Butler.

Mr. Reinhart was a retired farmer and also retired in 1982 from Tri-Wall containers, where he worked for 12 years. He was a member of the DeKalb County Co-op.

He was born Jan. 16, 1920, in Wilmington Township to the late Almond and Dora (Reasoner) Reinhart.

He married Viola Ginder on June 7, 1941, in Newville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Kayota and Vernis Handshoe of Butler; two sisters, Edna Morr of Auburn and Wilma Ginder of Fort Wayne, and her friend, Lloyd Fromm; one granddaughter and her husband, Tonya and Chad Liberty of St. Joe; one grandson, Almond Handshoe of Butler, and one great-grandson, Brice.

Two brothers, Walter and Carl, and two sisters, Gladys Baker and Mildred Hubbard, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Thursa Cutler

HUDSON — Thursa C. Cutler, 88, of Hudson, died at 12:40 a.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Pleasant Lake, May 18, 1908, to LeRoy and Ethel (Carr) Trindle. On Jan. 10, 1933, in Montebello, Mo., she married Thomas H. Cutler. He preceded her in death Nov. 18, 1975.

Mrs. Cutler, a Hudson resident most of her life, was a homemaker and member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Carrie Lavender of Angola; and three grandsons, Nolan E. Roe, Raymond O. Denzine and Edward E. Denzine.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Thelma Morse; and a son, Thomas Cutler.

Funeral services were today at 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Shirley M. Nickols**, 67, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, with calling there 4-6 and 7-9 p.m. today.

ALBION — **Robert A. Crance**, 86, died Friday. Services were held today in Fort Wayne.

LAGRANGE — **Robert J. Oliver**, 79, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 4-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Matthew J. Tracy**, 89, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Wilbur Johnson

BUTLER — Wilbur N. "Wib" Johnson, 75, died Monday at 4:10 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Johnson owned and operated Johnson Auto Repair Service in Butler for 46 years, retiring in 1989. He was a former Butler school bus driver and was a former member of the Butler City Council and Butler Fire Department. He was a former member and past president of Butler Rotary Club and Butler Eagles Lodge. He managed several Butler Little League teams and managed the Butler Produce Co.'s men's softball team for several years. He lived on North Pearl Street in Butler.

He was born June 12, 1921, in Wilmington Township to the late Nelson Columbus "Lum" and Blanche (Getts) Johnson.

He married Cleo Brandon on May 3, 1941, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard L. of Auburn and Stephen M. of Edgerton, Ohio; one daughter, Melanie Rosetti of Hawaii; and five grandsons, Bradley, Brandon and Trenton Johnson, and Kevin and Ricky Schall.

Two brothers, Russell and Leroy, and one sister, Ruth Meeks, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Butler United Methodist Church new parsonage fund.

Margaret Schellenberger

FREMONT — Margaret Inge Esther Schellenberger, 61, died Monday at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Schellenberger received her bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Michigan, where she was a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She also was a member of the National Herb Society, a founder of the Fort Wayne Herb Gardeners and Angola Sage Gatherers Herb Society and a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

She was born Sept. 20, 1935, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Bertold O. and Hedwig R. (Metzger) Weinert.

On July 5, 1956, she married James L. Schellenberger. He survives her in Fremont.

She also is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Lynn (and husband, Daniel) Mason, and Anne Rose (and husband, Patrick) Norris; a sister, Hermine McLeran; and five grandchildren, Matthew, Adam, Melissa, Jessica and Elizabeth.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola. The Rev. David Bowman will officiate.

Arrangements are being made by Muehlig Chapel, Ann Arbor, Mich. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Wright Funeral Home, Grand Rapids, Ohio, with the Rev. James Anderson of First Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Ohio, officiating. Burial will be in St. Augustina Cemetery, Napoleon, Ohio.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Elwood Nichols

ANGOLA — E. Elwood Nichols, 85, died Monday night at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Nichols was a former Angola High School band director and owner of Nichols Music Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

James Panyard

ANGOLA — James A. Panyard Sr., 63, died Monday at 5:40 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Panyard retired from the Fort Wayne Fire Department in 1984 after 12 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola. He lived most of his life in Fort Wayne and moved to Angola 18 years ago.

He was born Dec. 5, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Jerome and Elma (France) Panyard. His mother survives in Fremont and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Jo; one son, James A. of Clear Lake; one daughter, Betty Ritchie of Fremont; three brothers, Jerry, Bob and Don, all of Fremont; one sister, Dorothy Angel of Garrett; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday after 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Kenneth Alt will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Parkview Samaritan.

Maudie Hoeffel

ANGOLA — Maudie Spathelf Hoeffel, 86, of Angola, and formerly of Grand Rapids, Ohio, died Monday in Parkview Nursing Center, Edgerton, Ohio.

She was born Aug. 10, 1910, in Neapolis, Ohio, to Alan and Christine (Munson) Tyner. On Aug. 16, 1933, she married Owen William Spathelf. He preceded her in death July 19, 1956. She then married John Hoeffel on July 11, 1959. He survives.

Mrs. Hoeffel was manager of Sears and Montgomery Ward catalog stores in Bowling Green, Ohio, in the late 1940s and 1950s. She was a former member of Rebekah Lodge in Tontogany, Ohio.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Milton O. Spathelf of Tontogany, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Marium) Cox of Houston, Texas; a stepdaughter, Janice M. Rastocan of Findlay, Ohio; four grandsons; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Lillian Adams, Loretta Hepfinger, Marium Heyman and Evelyn Graf.

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Deaths/Funerals

Elwood Nichols

ANGOLA — E. Elwood Nichols, 85, died Monday at 6:50 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

A U.S. Navy lieutenant commander during World War II, he was a graduate of Central Normal College and Butler University. He served as the Angola High School band director from 1949-1974. He was selected as one of the top 10 high school band directors in 1967. He had formerly taught in Rockport, Monon, Hammond and Brownsburg. He was the owner of Nichols Music Store, Angola, from 1973-1985.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and the Angola Lions Club.

He was born Dec. 15, 1911, in Danville to Roy H. and Velma (Smith) Nichols. He married Marian Nichols. She preceded him in death in 1977.

He is survived by four daughters, Margaret N. Rothrock of Angola, Elizabeth N. Lord of North Olmsted, Ohio, Carol N. Loehrke of Monticello, and the Rev. Nancy J. Nichols of Muncie; two sisters, Amy Horton of West Newton, and Cosette Wolf of Reynolds; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in the Angola United Methodist Church. The Rev. Gary Forbes will officiate. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery with graveside services performed by Angola Post 31 of the American Legion.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church or the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County Music Department.

Deaths/Funerals

Jason Howard

AUBURN — Jason A. Howard, 22, died Tuesday in Fort Wayne.

He was a lifelong resident of Auburn and attended Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He was born May 1, 1974, in Auburn. His father, Cecil Howard, survives in Florida and his mother, Norma (Penzin) Berry, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two brothers, Troy L. of Auburn and Dallas A. of Helmer; one sister, Sandra L. Banks of Butler; and his grandparents, Arnold and Lillie Howard of Auburn.

Friends may call tonight after 6 in Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville

Services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. in the church, with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Rowley

OLDSMAR, Fla. — Phyllis A. Rowley, 73, died Wednesday at 1:10 a.m. at Harborside Healthcare of Tampa Bay, Oldsmar, Fla.

A U.S. Army Women's Air Corps veteran of World War II, she was a member of the Steuben County Business and Professional Women and the Sweet Adelines Little River Chapter.

She was born Nov. 26, 1923, in Adams County to Frank E. and Rosella J. (Mills) Andrews. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Thomas Scott Brown of Safety Harbor, Fla., three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by one brother, Jack B. Andrews, on Nov. 17, 1996.

There will be no visitation. Funeral arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Ralph Bradley

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Ralph Owen Bradley, 49, died Wednesday at 10:20 a.m. at his home in White Pigeon.

He was born May 27, 1947, in Coldwater, Mich. to Preston and Nancy (Jones) Bradley. His mother survives in Montgomery, Mich.

Mr. Bradley is also survived by his companion, Linda Langston of White Pigeon; a daughter, Alaina Bradley of White Pigeon.; a brother, Frank Bradley of Montgomery, Mich.; two sisters, Betty Carpenter of Coldwater and Cathy Gates of Montgomery, Mich.; and his grandson, Brandys Bradley of White Pigeon.

He was preceded in death by his father, a daughter, a grandson and a brother.

Friends may call Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. The Rev. George DeVore will officiate. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial gifts may be made to Three Rivers Area Hospital Hospice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Madelyn V. Sheets**, 85, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

CROMWELL — **Martin L Leamon**, 35, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Thelma Locke

ANGOLA — Thelma Locke, 84, died Wednesday at 9 p.m. in her home at Angola.

She was retired from her work as a self-employed housekeeper and was a member of Angola Christian Church.

She was born Jan. 18, 1913, in Wyandotte, Mich., to Andrew J. and Minnie (Sharp) Barnhouse, both now deceased.

She married Charles F. Locke on July 8, 1942, and he died July 12, 1979.

She is survived by two sons, Lloyd and Harold, both of Angola; five daughters, Carolyn Dick of Angola, Joyce Locke of Butler, Donna Johnson of Flint, Ind., Minnie Bailey of Jackson, Mich., and Beverly Jean Hendricks of Defiance, Ohio; three sisters, Myrtle Waite of Angola, Daisy of Hamilton and Ada Swinehart of Findlay, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Floyd Dean Locke; three brothers, John Barnhouse, Harold Barnhouse and George Martin; and three sisters, Eva Kerns, Gladys Smith and Velma Barnhouse.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, in Steuben Township.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

M. Michael Foor

CHURUBUSCO — M. Michael Foor, 19, a former resident of Churubusco, and most recently of Angola, died Thursday evening in the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola from an apparent heart attack.

He was a sophomore at Tri-State University in Angola.

Among his survivors are his mother and stepfather, Mary and Howard Noah of Churubusco; his father and stepmother, Stephen and Tonya Foor of Angola; two half-brothers, Alex Noah of Churubusco, and Kristopher Foor of Angola; his maternal grandparents, Arthur and Cele Tomlins of Churubusco; and his paternal grandparents, Max and Jean Foor of Arcola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Complete information may be obtained by calling the funeral home after 1 p.m. today at 693-2907 or 1-800-326-2079.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Fern Lundblad**, 92, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

M. Michael Foor

ANGOLA — M. Michael Foor, 19, a former resident of Churubusco and more recently of Angola, died unexpectedly Thursday from an apparent heart attack at 5:22 p.m. in the emergency room of Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

He was born in Fort Wayne on May 6, 1977, the son of Steven P. and Mary (Tomlins) Foor, and spent all of his formative years in Churubusco. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1995, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and the wrestling and tennis teams.

Mr. Foor received academic and tennis scholarships to Tri-State University in Angola, and was currently a sophomore student in mechanical engineering there and a member of the Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity. In addition he was engaged in the co-op employment program at Tri-State, working at ETA Engineering in Avilla, and was also employed at the Van Huesen Outlet Store in Fremont.

Surviving relatives include his mother and stepfather, Mary and Howard Noah of Churubusco; his father and stepmother, Steven P. and Tonya Foor of Angola; two brothers, Alex Noah of Churubusco and Kristopher Foor of Angola; and grandparents Arthur and Cele Tomlins of Churubusco, Max and Imogene Foor of Arcola, Howard Noah, Sr. of Tyner, and Ed and Jan Wright of Kendallville.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 6-8 p.m., and Monday from 2-8 p.m. Interment will take place in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Logan Michael Neumann** was stillborn Monday. Private graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27. Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

ROME CITY — **Ethel L. Coburn**, 81, died Friday. Visitation will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, where the funeral service will be Sunday at 5 p.m.

LAGRANGE — **Syble Ethelyn Price**, 87, died Friday. Private funeral services will be held at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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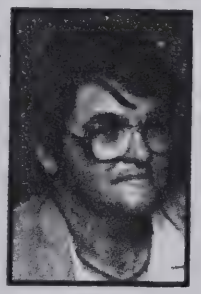
Deaths/Funerals

Carly Davis

AUBURN — Carly Lee Davis, 58, died Saturday at 9:47 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Davis worked for 15 years at the Auburn Foundry. She was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge in Auburn and lived on South Main Street in Auburn.



Davis

She was born Nov. 28, 1938, in Breathitt, Ky., to the late Harold and Jessie (Hoggeston) Back.

She married Cal Davis on April 14, 1956, in Mason, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John P. and Pam Davis of Waterloo, and Cal Jr. and Sandy Davis of Auburn; one daughter, Wilma Lee Davis of Auburn; four brothers, Fred Back of Fremont, Harold Back Jr. of Waterloo, Henderson C. Back of Albion; and Jack Back of Las Vegas; five grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

One son, Joseph Lee, one daughter, Cathy Davis, and two brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh of Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, LaOtto.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Donald Geeting

ANGOLA — Donald E. Geeting, 69, died Saturday at 6:45 p.m. in his Angola home.

He retired in 1989 with 45 years of service as a metal fabricator at Auburn Foundry. He also owned and operated Geeting Heating & Welding in Waterloo. He was a lifelong resident of Angola and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member and past governor of the Angola Moose Lodge, and was a member of the Angola post of the American Legion and Montpelier, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Geeting was born April 25, 1927, in Waterloo to the late Edison "Eck" and Flossie (Crosley) Geeting.

He married Mildred E. Roose on Dec. 29, 1969, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Phillip E. of Garrett and Dennis E. of Auburn; one stepson, Frank L. Vacek of Angola; two stepdaughters, Sherri A. Vacek of Lynn, Mass., and Laura M. Surfus of Waterloo; two brothers, Edison "Junior" Geeting of Angola and Marvin Geeting of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Diannia; one stepson, Gordon; one stepdaughter, Betty; and one grandson, Walter.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Angola Moose Lodge will conduct a service Tuesday evening.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Marcia Worral

FREMONT — Marcia E. Worral, 44, of Fremont, died Friday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was a Fremont native and worked at Lutheran Hospice.

Surviving are her husband, Douglas; two sons, Matthew and Jonathon, both at home; her parents, La Mar and Leona Emerick of Fremont; two sisters, Linda Force of Coldwater, Mich., and Joanna Jerraid of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Richard Emerick of Fort Wayne, Stephan Emerick of Longmont., Colo., and Craig Emerick of Angola.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Harvester Avenue Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, where friends may call one hour before the services.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorial donations may be made to a scholarship fund for her sons.

Orville Fair

ORLAND — Orville K. Fair, 75, of Orland, died Sunday at 3:50 a.m. at the Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Fair retired in 1977 after 37 years as a purchasing agent for Scott-Fetzer, Douglas Division in Bronson, Mich. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Orland and LaGrange American Legion posts.

He was born July 8, 1921, in Howe to Basil and Birdella (Immell) Fair, who preceded him in death.

On April 28, 1946, he married Louise Merriman, who survives at home. Also surviving are a son, Steven Fair of Cicero, and a sister, Jeanette Straw of Orland.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Funeral service arrangements are pending.

Memorial donations may be made to Life Care Activities Department or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Harry Shipe

WATERLOO — Harry B. Shipe, 96, died today at 4:07 a.m. in St. Anne Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shipe was a retired Fairfield Township farmer and worked 15 years for Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1968. He was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley. He lived on South Oak Street in Waterloo.

He was born Dec. 22, 1900, in Colby, Kan., to the late David F. and Elizabeth (Bolen) Shipe.

He married Velma Grogg on July 28, 1925, in Auburn, and she died June 30, 1986.

Surviving him are four sons, Cleo of Auburn, Merritt of Southport, Donald of Fort Wayne, and Billy of Garrett; six daughters, Crystal Mahoney and Barbara Horstman, both of Muncie, Jenovie Bailey of Deland, Fla., Berdenia Utrup of Delphos, Ohio, Echo Kessler of Auburn and Gloria Amstutz of New Haven; 32 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Clytie Conner; two sons, Merle and Jack; two brothers, Jay and Charles; one sister, Mary Mains; one grandson, Gregory Utrup; and one great-granddaughter, Lauren Michelle Marion.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with calling after 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Don Jordan will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Juanita Schiffli

WATERLOO — Juanita Rose Schiffli, 82, died Sunday at 7:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Schiffli was a homemaker and lived on County Road 10, Waterloo. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, and its rosary society.

She was born Feb. 15, 1915, in Edgerton, Ohio, to the late George and Anna (Miller) Sanders.

She married Adolph J. Schiffli on June 19, 1934, in Edgerton, and he died July 9, 1992.

Surviving are 10 sons, John of Albuquerque, N.M., Robert, Donald, Paul, Stephen, Thomas and Mark, all of Waterloo, Richard of Ashley, Max of Butler, and David of Palatine, Ill.; two daughters, Theresa Schiffli of Garrett and Betty Hamman of Waterloo; three brothers, Lester Sanders of Fort Wayne, Vincent Sanders of Paulding, Ohio, and Wayne Sanders of Bryan, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Beulah H. Sanders and one grandson.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-8:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with calling after 9 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Masses at the church.

Fernando Moreno Sr.

SPENCERVILLE — Fernando R. "Cane" Moreno Sr., 67, died Thursday at 11:08 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Moreno retired in 1988 from the Fort Wayne Street Department after 18 years of service. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Korean Veterans Association. He lived most of his life in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 2, 1929, in Cotulla, Texas, to Ignario and Carlotta (Molinar) Moreno.

Surviving him are two sons, Roel I. of Fort Wayne and Fernando R. Jr. of Hicksville, Ohio; five daughters, Elia Van Dyke of Spencerville, Elvia Stickney, Elisa Castillo and Ella Vires, all of Butler, and Elda Collins of Hicksville; five brothers, Victor of Cotulla, Roberto and Johnny, both of Fort Wayne, David of Texas, and Ignacio of Joplin, Mo.; three sisters, Carlota Elia Love of Grabill, and Irma Rodriguez and Gloria Perez, both of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted today at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial took place in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Korean Veterans Association or Ronald McDonald House, Indianapolis.

Sharon Porter

GARRETT — Sharon Lee Porter, 57, of Garrett, died at 11:27 p.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Pike County Aug. 14, 1939, to Harley and Emma Lee Norrington. She married Alfred LeRoy Porter Jr. on June 11, 1971, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Garrett.

Mrs. Porter had been a press operator at Uniform Printing in Kendallville for 17 years.

Surviving with her husband are four sons, Joseph Selby, Steven Selby and Mark Selby, all of Avilla, and Chad Porter of Garrett; three daughters, Nancy Hawk, Charity Wisel and Cindy K. Porter, all of Garrett; her former husband, Alan Selby of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Jack Austin of Winslow; a half-sister, Kay Sullivan of Tennessee; 20 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Charles Mosley of Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to the Northeast Indiana Kidney Center or to the family.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **John W. Beckley**, 82, died Friday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with calling one hour before services at the church.

CROMWELL — **Deskin Doyle Burkett**, 80, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Indian Village United Methodist Church, Cromwell, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Jimmy Simpson

CORUNNA — Jimmy O. Simpson, 50, of Corunna, died unexpectedly at 10:44 a.m. Monday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. He had been in failing health since 1986.

He was born June 5, 1946, in Boldman, Ky., to Frank and Ethel E. (Hobbs) Simpson. On Dec. 18, 1968, in Lisbon, he married Geneva Arnold. She survives.

Mr. Simpson had lived in Corunna since 1976, moving from Kendallville. Prior to that he had lived in Kentucky. He retired as a foundry molder in 1986. He was a Vietnam War veteran and a member of American Legion Post 86.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Jennifer Ann Hicks of Avilla; a son, Jimmy David Simpson of Corunna; three sisters, Mary Arnold of Kendallville, Rosie Music of Paintsville, Ky., and Elizabeth Heginger of Klemme, Iowa; a brother, Harry J. Simpson of Kendallville; and a granddaughter, Katlin Hicks.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Brad Darr of Fellowship Bible Church officiating.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Donald Arnold

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Donald Dean Arnold, 71, will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Angola United Methodist Church.

Mr. Arnold, of Angola, died April 13 at 8 a.m in the Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

He worked as an auditor for the state of Florida for 15 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He graduated from Auburn High School in 1942 and from Tri-State University, Angola. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born May 1, 1925, in Flint, Ind., to Warren A. and Virginia (Zeigler) Arnold, both now deceased.

He married Virginia Stoner on Jan. 1, 1956, and she died in 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy (Mrs. John) Bishop of Auburn; two sons, John of Des Plaines, Ill., and James of Arlington Heights, Ill.; a sister, Joyce Brown of Angola; two brothers, Barton and Carroll, both of Angola; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents and wife, were two brothers, Howard Arnold and Robert Moore, and three sisters, Evangeline Fredericks, Doris Arnold and Arlene Roberts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

The Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements. There will be no calling hours.

Paul Berning

AVILLA — Paul S. Berning, 71, died Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Berning was a railroad maintenance employee for Conrail and lived in Avilla. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born March 7, 1926, in Fort Wayne to the late Philip and Ruth (Kayser) Berning. His wife, Lazell Boyce Berning, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are three brothers, Philip and Mike, both of Fort Wayne, and Richard of Little Rock, Ark.; and five sisters, Virginia Hasewinkle of Fort Wayne, Kathryn Smith of Escondido, Texas, Ruth M. Rondot and Donna J. Miller, both of San Diego, Calif., and Phyllis Fowler of La Mesa, Calif.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio. Pastor Dean Bearman will officiate.

Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Best

ALBION — Phyllis Ann Best, 73, of Albion, died Sunday at 12:05 p.m. at home.

She was born Oct. 31, 1923, in Garrett, to Ralph and Maude (Williams) Shaffer. She married Eugene H. Best Sr. on Oct. 31, 1941, in Garrett. He survives.

Mrs. Best, a homemaker, attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Eugene H. Best Jr. of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Marianne Mathieu of Antwerp, Ohio, Barbara Daily of Fort Wayne, Nancy Smith of Crestwood, Ky., Teresa Kriegh of Leesburg, and Judy Trowbridge of Albion; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sandra Best; two brothers, Harry Shaffer and Bud Shaffer; and two daughters, Ruth Billingsly and Dorothy Kemery.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett, with the Rev. Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in RoseHill Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mary Elizabeth Kugler**, 87, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco, with calling there one hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **C. Leona Smith**, 83, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Effa Christina Watson**, 77, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Iretta Ruch

FLAT ROCK, Mich. — Iretta Ruch, 64, died Monday.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; two sons, Patrick of Riverview, Mich., and Gregory of Carleton, Mich.; three brothers, Herman Kiser of Butler, Roger Kiser of Quincy, Mich., and Howard Kiser of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

A sister, Shirley Ann Kaiser, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 3 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home, Flat Rock.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Butler Cemetery.

Jason Howard

AUBURN — A typographical error occurred in the name of a survivor listed in Thursday's obituary for Jason A. Howard, 22, who died April 15.

His brother's name is Tony, not Troy, as published. We regret the error.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Lurahbell Gray**, 74, died Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Big Lake Church of God, Thorncreek Township. Calling 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grounes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, and after 12:30 p.m. Friday in the church.

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Merle Kuhn

ANGOLA — Merle L. Kuhn, 67, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday at his home in Angola.

Mr. Kuhn, a veteran of the Air National Guard, was a dairy farmer and served as plant manager for the petroleum department at the Steuben County Co-op.

He was a 4-H leader for 10 years; chairman of the Steuben County Extension Board; secretary of the Farm Bureau Inc. board; Democratic precinct committeeman for Scott Township; and chairman of the Farm Service Agency. He was a member of Son Light Community Church, Angola.

Mr. Kuhn was born Dec. 19, 1929, in Adams County to Roscoe and Helena (Bollenbacher) Kuhn, who preceded him in death.

On Sept. 1, 1951, he married Rosalyn Wagner in Angola. She survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Larry Kuhn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sonja Kuhn of Angola; a brother, Roger Kuhn of Indianapolis; a sister, Joan Seymour of Cincinnati; and three grandchildren.

Visitation is from 4-6 p.m. Saturday at the New Life Worship Center, Angola. A celebration of life service will follow at 6 p.m. with Pastor Joe Everly officiating.

Memorials may be made to Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care and the Son Light Community Church. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

John Witham Jr.

HOWE — John E. Witham Jr., 48, of rural Howe, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday in his residence.

He was born Dec. 21, 1948, in Kendallville to John E. Sr. and Donnabelle (Lower) Witham. His mother survives in LaGrange. On Sept. 15, 1973, in Orland, he married Darlene E. Dunkel. She also survives.

Mr. Witham, a LaGrange County resident most of his life, was an employee of FBI Farms Inc., Howe. He was a 21-year member of the Mongo Fire Department.

Surviving with his wife and mother are a daughter, Lori Ann Witham of Howe; a son, Norman Heise of Howe; seven sisters, Connie Majors of Bald Knob, Ark., Drema Wood, Donna Diann Witham and Leann O'Quinn, all of LaGrange, Cindy Barrand of Orland, Bobbi Jo Alford of Auburn, and Paula Osbun of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Nick Witham of LaGrange and Terry Witham of Angola.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Brighton.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Mongo Fire Department.

Roberta Hile

KENDALLVILLE — Roberta A. "Bobby" Hile, 69, of Kendallville, died at 7:59 p.m. Tuesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health the past month.

She was born in Kendallville April 30, 1927, to Robert A. and Gladys (Turney) Whitford. On June 22, 1946, in Kendallville, she married Robert B. Hile. He preceded her in death Aug. 13, 1994.

Mrs. Hile, a lifetime area resident, was a homemaker and co-owned the Credit Bureau of Noble County from 1954-85. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, Tri Kappa and was a member and past president of Iota Tau Chapter of Sigma Beta Sorority.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Laidig of Mishawaka; two sons, Todd Hile and Gary Hile, both of Kendallville; two sisters, Patricia Gilliland of Garrett and Virginia "Gini" Yanuszeski of Kendallville; a brother, Jack Whitford of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Ryan and Joel Laidig of Mishawaka, and Trent and Danyelle Hile of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or the First Presbyterian Church.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Martha A. Merrell**, 78, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

KENDALLVILLE — **Roberta A. Hile**, 69, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Michael J. Kessler**, 50, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. John Lutheran Church. Calling 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LIGONIER — **Marie J. Bailey**, 51, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Rita Martin

FREMONT — Rita M. Martin, 64, of Fremont, died Wednesday at 10:50 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Martin was a homemaker. She was born July 8, 1932, in Chicago to Andrew and Alice Susan (Rickenbaugh) Stalzer, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, William Martin; two sons, William J. Martin of Randolph, N.J., and Michael J. Martin of Hoffman Estates, Ill.; a daughter, Susan Marie Frutiger of Hoffman Estates; a sister, Ethal Terill of Crystal Lake, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Willis R. Clouse**, 87, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Margaret S. Bloom**, 82, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

NEW HAVEN — **Angelo P. Fracassini**, 78, died Wednesday. Prayers at 10:30 a.m. Monday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven. Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

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Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Eleonora Deetz**, 87, of Kendallville, died Thursday in Kendallville. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

MIDDLEBURY — **Benjamin J. Miller**, 16, of Middlebury, died Friday in Elkhart. Visitation is all day Sunday and Monday at the family home. Services are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family home. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, Middlebury.

PORTAGE, Mich. — **Leila K. Thornburgh**, 80, of Portage, died Friday. Visitation is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Pitman-Richman Funeral Home, Eaton. Services are 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Union Cemetery, Eaton.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Caroline B. Vanzile**, 74, of Sturgis, died Thursday. Visitation is 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) Monday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe. Services are 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at First Baptist Church, Sturgis. Burial will be at Nottawa Cemetery.

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Mildred Lower

AUBURN — Mildred E. Lower, 87, died Sunday at 6 p.m. in Shore Haven Living Center, Grand Haven, Mich.

Mrs. Lower was a homemaker and spent most of her life as a resident of County Road 31, Waterloo. She also lived in Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn, before moving to Grand Haven in October.

She was born July 16, 1909, in DeKalb County to Arna and Ora (Hodges) Newcomer.

She married Carl Lower on June 30, 1935, in DeKalb County and he died Nov. 7, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Leora and Richard Nowacki of Nunica, Mich., seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A sister, Gertrude Anthony, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Gerald Alford

ANGOLA — Gerald Alford, 72, of Angola, died Sunday at 12:25 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Alford, a World War II Navy veterar., was a tube specialist and steel worker for USS National Tube in Gary, where he retired in 1986 after 35 years. He was a member of the 29th Avenue Southern Baptist Church in Lake Station.

He was born Feb. 26, 1925, in Rutherford, Tenn., to Marvin R. and Myrtle (Haley) Alford, who preceded him in death.

On April 26, 1947, he married his wife, Mary, in Angola. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Glenn of Angola, and Ronald of Auburn; one daughter, Debra Hoyer of Pleasant Lake; three brothers, Ralph of Troy, Tenn.; Robert of Jacksonville, Fla., and Larry of Sikeston, Mo.; two sisters, Sadie Degraffenreid and Ruby Ballard, both of Trimble, Tenn.; one half-sister, Pauline Allison of Dryer, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Fay Needham and Roger Alford.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. John Hurt and the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben Township.

Memorial donations may be made to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, Salem Township Fire Department and the Fairview Missionary Church Building Fund.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Erma L. Noll**, 81, died Thursday. Services were today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

HUNTERTOWN — **Sherry Eileen Harber**, 65, died Friday. Mass was held today in Lenexa, Kan.

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Esther Dove

BUTLER — Esther I. Dove, 76, died Monday at 7:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Dove was a homemaker and a Butler resident. She was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio.

She was born Sept. 5, 1920, in Edon, Ohio, to the late Conrad and Anna (Kaiser) Young.

She married Arthur C. Dove on Dec. 9, 1943, in Defiance County, Ohio, and he died July, 6, 1976.

Surviving her are five sons, Larry, Gary and Jim, all of Butler, Daryl of Auburn, and David of Hamilton; one daughter, Deanna Dohner of Albion; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Four brothers, George, Carlton, Paul and Wayne Young, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon. The Rev. Daniel G. Beaudoin, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Ned Shumaker

AUBURN — Ned E. Shumaker, 69, died Monday at 4 p.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shumaker lived on South Dewey Street in Auburn. He retired from Dana Corp. in Auburn in 1986 with 23 years of service. He also was a meat cutter at Sutton's Super Valu in Waterloo for several years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 4, 1928, in Steuben County to the late Marlton and Daisy (Tritch) Shumaker.

He married Eva B. Beller on Feb. 14, 1959, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff L. of Burksville, Ky., and Gary of Laguna Hills, Calif.; one daughter, Cheryl Burnett of Elizabeth, Colo.; two stepsons, Michael Reynolds of Auburn and Richard Reynolds of Waterloo; two brothers, Heber of Angola and Wilbur "Bones" of Kendallville; three sisters, Velma Farrington of Waterloo, Jean Reinoehl of Ashley and Beverly Blood of Warsaw; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, John and Bob, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or to the church.

Mildred Vorndran

FORT WAYNE — Mildred Deiser Vorndran, 98, died Monday at home in Louisville, Ky.

A Huntington native, she had lived in Fort Wayne 74 years. She retired in 1967 from Sybil Hat Shoppe after 25 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn J. Sines of Louisville; a son, John C. Deiser of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, James T. Vorndran of Auburn, and David T. Vorndran of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Joan Shoaf of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Her first husband, Carl J. Deiser, preceded her in death in 1954, and her second husband, Carl L. Vorndran, died in 1986.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Jude Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are Masses at St. Anne's Home.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert F. "Rod" Travelbee**, 72, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Wednesday.

HOWE — **Clarence H. "Jiggs" Grate**, 74, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — **Robert W. Riggenbach**, 34, died Sunday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Antwerp, Ohio.

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Helen Walter

AUBURN — Helen Maxine Walter, 81, died Saturday in her home in Castle Court Apartments, Auburn.

Mrs. Walter worked for Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and a former member of the Garrett Elks Emblem Club.

She was born Nov. 22, 1915, in Richland Township to the late Perry and Edythe (Olinger) Foote. Her husband, Joseph Dale Walter, preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Mike Traxler of Auburn; one sister, LaRea Swarts of Reston, Va.; two granddaughters, Toni Knox and Terri Platter, and three great-grandchildren.

One sister, Ruth Dilgard, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. David Maish, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley's Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **L. Odeyne Blythe**, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 7 p.m. Saturday in Stone's Hill Community Church. No calling.

John Bender

FORT WAYNE — John O. Bender, 89, died Monday at 8:30 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bender was a printer for Colwell General for 47 years, retiring in 1972. He was a member of the Third Knights of Columbus 451, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, International Typographical Union, Communication Workers of America 78 and TPA Post A. He had lived in Fort Wayne since 1927.

He was born Aug. 18, 1907, in Avilla to the late Frank M. and Susan B. (Shutta) Bender.

He married his wife, Ethel M., on Nov. 24, 1927, in Waterloo, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Philip of Angola; one daughter, Marilyn J. Geise of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, John J. and Malcolm P. Bender, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A rosary service will be conducted Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A prayer service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

A funeral service will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Calhoun St. Monsignor James Wolf will officiate, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses or to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mary Carpenter

SPENCERVILLE — Mary Carpenter, 96, died today at 8:10 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Max Sneary, M.D.

AVILLA — Max E. Sneary, M.D., 66, of Avilla, died at 6:23 p.m. Monday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered a heart attack Saturday.

He was born Oct. 13, 1930, in Zanesfield, Ohio, to Dr. K.D. and Grace Agnes (Yeiser) Sneary. On April 4, 1950, in Kendallville, he married Joy A. Preston. She survives.

A lifetime area resident, Dr. Sneary was a 1949 graduate of Avilla High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Wabash College and in 1957 graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine. A second-generation physician, he had practiced medicine in Noble County from 1957 until his death.

He was one of the founders of the Noble County Community Foundation, served on the Noble County Red Cross Board of Directors, and was on the boards of McCray Memorial Hospital and CompreCare Home Health and Hospice. He also was on the building corporation board for East Noble High School, LaOtto School and Cole Auditorium. Also, he was on the board of directors of the former Summit Bank and served as chairman of the board.

Dr. Sneary was Noble County coroner from 1961-65.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. David (Candice) Barbulesco of South Bend, and Mrs. David (Jennifer) Laur of Rome City; a sister, Mrs. Dale (Betty) Mattmiller of Westerville, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Adam Bryan, Erin Bryan and Ashley Laur.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, of which he was a member, with the Rev. Curt Austin officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the church where Masonic Lodge services will be held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the Max E. Sneary, M.D., Scholarship Fund in care of the Noble County Community Foundation, the American Heart Association or Calvary United Methodist Church.

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Mary Carpenter

ST. JOE — Mary L. (Bollinger) Carpenter, 96, died Wednesday at 8:10 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a graduate of Tri-State Teachers College and a secretarial college in Toledo, Ohio. She taught in a one-room country school from 1919 to 1922 and was a secretary for three years. She moved to St. Joe in 1925.

She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe, Women of the Lutheran Church, Literary Club, and Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Carpenter was born Oct. 3, 1901, on a farm near Pioneer, Ohio, to the late Ellsworth and Rose (Johnson) Bollinger.

She married Carl D. Carpenter on April 11, 1925, in Pioneer. Her husband died July 23, 1979.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Kenneth Mott of New City, N.Y.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Carol of Spencerville, and Philip and Jane of St. Joe; one sister, Francis Bohner of Cold Springs, Mich.; one brother, Don Bollinger of Pioneer; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Lloyal, Nelsien and Paul, and a sister, Hazel, preceded her in death.

Services will take place Saturday at 3 p.m. in St. Mark Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with burial in Riverside Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Dempsy Ritchie

ANGOLA — Dempsey Ritchie, 53, died Wednesday at 4 a.m. at his home at Big Turkey Lake, LaGrange County.

Mr. Ritchie was an employee of a pallet manufacturing company in Ashley.

He was born May 5, 1943, in Knott County, Ky., to Earnie and Rudell (Owens) Ritchie, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Sue Roberts of Bronson, Mich.; three brothers, Roger of Bronson, Willard of Albion, and Charles of LaGrange; two sisters, Jean Sawyer and Jewell Terry, both of LaGrange; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were to take place at 2 p.m. today at Brushey Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange County, with the Rev. Bertchell Mosley officiating. Burial was to follow at the cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Homer Neeley**, 72, died Tuesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

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C. Jean Krider

CHURUBUSCO — C. Jean Krider, 79, of Churubusco, died at 8 p.m. Thursday in Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had been taken earlier in the day. He had been in failing health the past several months.

His wife, Eleanor L. (Gordon) Krider, died Oct. 17, 1995.

Among his survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, C.J. Krider Jr. and Pat Krider of Churubusco; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Sandra) Hoyer of Ashley.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ralph B Spurrier**, 82, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Myron Stewart

ORLAND — Myron T. Stewart, 83, of Orland, died Thursday at 6:55 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mr. Stewart was a retired employee of Moore Business Forms, Angola, and had been a member of the Orland Lions Club and the Orland Fire Department.

He was born July 8, 1913, in LaGrange County to Thomas and Hattie (Fair) Stewart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline, in 1992, and a sister.

Surviving are a brother, Albert Stewart of Fort Wayne, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Homan officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Fund.

C. Jean Krider

CHURUBUSCO — C. Jean Krider, 79, of Churubusco, died at 8 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had been taken earlier in the day. He had been in declining health for the past several months.

Mr. Krider was employed as an inspector at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, retiring in September 1974. He was a member of Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515.

He was born Sept. 22, 1917, in Whitley County to Ralph D. and Vida M. (Smith) Krider. He spent all of his life in the Churubusco area.

On Dec. 3, 1937, he married Eleanor L. Gordon of Wabash. She preceded him in death on Oct. 17, 1995.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Max Krider.

Surviving are a son, C.J. Krider of Churubusco; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Sandra) Hoyer of Ashley; two brothers, Joe W. Krider of Churubusco and Phil R. Krider of South Whitley; a sister, Troas Phillips Gilmore of Columbia City; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will take place Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Dennis Shock of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Memorials are to the Hospice and Visiting Nurse Services.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Theron F. Lehmer,** 86, of Howe, died at 6:30 a.m. Friday at his residence. Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. at Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church in Howe, with the Rev. Robert Raschka officiating. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Frurup-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be at Pretty Prairie Cemetery in Howe.

Deaths/Funerals

Ernest Grogg

AUBURN — Ernest D. Grogg, 93, died Friday at 3 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Grogg was self-employed as a mechanic for farm machinery. He lived in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 17, 1903, in Auburn to the late Wilson and Ada (Link) Grogg.

His wife, Edna M., preceded him in death Sept. 9, 1989. They were married Dec. 23, 1923, in Hillsdale, Mich.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret B. Foreman of Englewood, Fla., and Beverly J. Iddings of Auburn; one sister, Edna Smart of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; six grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, 10 stepgreat-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchildren.

A twin brother and sister preceded him in death in 1905.

Services were conducted today at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the activities department at Betz Nursing Home.

Doris Lindsay

ANGOLA — Doris I. Lindsay, 69, of Angola, died Saturday at 2 p.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

Mrs. Lindsay, a homemaker, was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Fort Wayne. She had lived in Angola since 1977.

On Nov. 1, 1947, she married Robert Lindsay Sr. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Laura Smart of Pleasant Lake and Linda Holt of Las Vegas; three sons, Robert Jr. and John, both of Fort Wayne, and Tom of Oakland, Calif.; three sisters, Betty Fletter of Las Vegas, and Evelyn Keller and Rosie Falk, both of Los Angeles; and 11 grandchildren.

No service or calling. Arrangements are being made by D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Mildred Ewing

FORT WAYNE — Mildred W. Ewing, 88, of Kendallville, died at 3:50 a.m. Saturday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was born in Lima, Ohio, March 19, 1909, to James R. and Ida Mae (Rotroff) Hennon. She married Theodore H. Ewing and he preceded her in death in 1968.

Mrs. Ewing retired in 1971 as secretary for Art Iron after 16 years. She was a member of Star of the East Chapter 514 O.E.S. She had lived in the Fort Wayne area since 1930.

Surviving are two sons, Dean Ewing of Manitou Springs, Colo., and Robert E. Ewing of Kendallville; a brother, James Hennon Jr. of Dublin, Va.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Dr. Dale Mendenhall of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville officiating.

Visitation is one hour before services in the funeral home on Tuesday.

Walter Gaston

KENDALLVILLE — Walter H. Gaston, 80, of Kendallville, died at 12:43 p.m. Friday in his residence. He had been seriously ill the past month.

He was born in Hicksville, Ohio, July 25, 1916, to David L. and Emma (Gumpert) Gaston. On Jan. 18, 1948, in Kendallville, he married Wandis Glassmire Whitford. She survives.

Mr. Gaston was an auto mechanic for the Noble County Highway Department, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and received a Purple Heart. He was a member of the DeKalb County Area CB Club, American Legion Post 86 and the DAV.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Chester (Edith) Craft of Kendallville; two sons, David Gaston of Ashley, and Virgil Whitford of Kendallville; two sisters, Mildred Coy of Ney, Ohio, and Marie Swanson of Greendale, Ariz.; a brother, Gerald Gaston of Montpelier, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald Whitford; two brothers, Wayne and George Gaston; and a sister, Clara Cochran.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Chris DeLong of First Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is form 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to First Church of God in Kendallville.

Elizabeth Morris

ANGOLA — Elizabeth B. "Betty" Morris, 87, died Saturday at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Morris had been a kindergarten teacher, administrator and director of the Josephine Kohler Child Development and Day Care Center of the Phyllis Wheatly Association, Cleveland. She retired in 1975 after 30 years with the association.

She was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola; the Steuben County Women's Club; the mayor's representative on the Steuben County Council on Aging; a charter member of the Toastmasters Club; a member of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Chapter; a member of the Steuben County Literacy Council; a member of the Senior Citizens Association of Steuben County; and a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Toledo, Ohio.

She was born May 26, 1909, in Covington, Tenn., to John and Grachel (Tolliver) Boyd.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ulysses Pelly, in 1945, and her second husband, James Morris, in 1963.

Surviving are a son, John Albert Pelly of Euclid, Ohio; a sister, Jencie E. Jeter of St. Louis; a nephew, James Jeter Jr. of St. Louis; a cousin, Grace Boyd of Chicago; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will take place at noon Saturday in the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. David Bowman officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice or First Congregational United Church of Christ. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Ray Krafft

BUTLER — Ray G. Krafft, 94, died Sunday at 5:45 p.m. in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

Mr. Krafft was a retired Butler farmer and worked at Federal Fertilizer Co. in Butler for several years. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Angola.

He was born Aug. 8, 1902, in Butler to the late Edward and Ina (Crouse) Krafft.

He married Nellie Boger on Oct. 6, 1921, in Coldwater, Mich., and she died July 19, 1978.

Surviving are three sons, Gerald and Dale, both of Auburn, and Wendell "Ben" of St. Joe; one daughter, Marlene McKinley of Angola; a grandson he raised, Ellis Ewing of Angola; along with 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mildred Banek; one brother, Harold; one sister, Esther Johnson; and three grandsons.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor William Farmer of the Albion United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children or Northeast Indiana Youth For Christ.

John Smith

FORT WAYNE — John E. Smith, 72, died Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Payne, Ohio, and had lived in Fort Wayne most of his life. He retired from the Fort Wayne Police Department in 1977 after 22 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and past commander of the Legion of Honor.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald Eugene Smith of Fort Wayne, and Clinton Aaron Smith of Mountain Home, Texas; a daughter, Susan Nannette Lee of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Robert Smith of South Bend, Fred Smith of Stroh, and Clarence Smith and Vince Westfall, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ann Shroyer of Wolf Lake and Mary Wise of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from noon until services on Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Fort Wayne Masonic Lodge.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Estel Billman**, 73, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling from 10 a.m. Tuesday until services.

Geraldine Maxwell

GRAYSLAKE, Ill. — Geraldine L. Maxwell, 56, of Grayslake, died April 24 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, Ill.

She was born in Barbourville, Ky., on Oct. 27, 1940, and was formerly a resident of Columbus, Ohio, and Greencastle, Ind. She had been a resident of Grayslake for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Maxwell was a member of the Faith Baptist Church of Lake County, Grayslake.

Surviving are her husband, Jim, whom she married March 29, 1964, in Greencastle; her mother-in-law, Opal Maxwell of Angola; a daughter, Karen (Larry) Hagan of Lake Villa, Ill.; her son, Kevin of Grayslake; four grandchildren, Amber, Blake, Tiffany and Mallori; a great-granddaughter, Jamie; and a sister, Vera (Louis) Elliott of Zephyr Hills, Fla.

Services took place April 28 at the Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium, Grayslake. Burial was in Avon Centre Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her name with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. 17th floor, New York, N.Y., 10016.

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Bernice Walters

ANGOLA — Bernice Walters, 94, of Angola, died Sunday at 1:25 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Walters had been a cook at the Flint School in Steuben County for several years.

She was born Sept. 7, 1902, in Flint to Elmer and Mary (Mallory) Wirick.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in 1969; three sisters, Violet Beard, Eva Jackson and Berdina Shiley; and a brother, Harrison Wirick.

Surviving are two sons, Oliver Walters of Kinderhook, Mich., and Darrel Walters of Angola; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will follow at Flint Cemetery.

Imogene Briggs

ORLAND — Imogene A. Briggs, 93, of LaGrange, died Monday at 4:40 a.m. in the Life Care Center, LaGrange.

Mrs. Briggs was retired from her position as house mother at Tri-State University's Cameron Hall. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Columbia City.

She was born May 15, 1903, in Rockwell, Iowa, to Scott and Matilda (Tievesen) Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Sharon (and husband, Gene) Lewis of Orland; a son, David (and wife, Bonnie) Briggs of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a sister, Altavene Blakeman of Lewiston, Idaho; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Geraldine Jones

FORT WAYNE — Geraldine K. Jones, 76, of Fort Wayne, died at 6 a.m. Monday in her residence following a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 14, 1920, in Auburn to William and Mary May (Lippincott) Kessler. On June 7, 1944, in Columbia City, she married Ivo Jones. He preceded her in death Feb. 18, 1981.

Mrs. Jones grew up in Whitley County, near Collins, and was a 1939 graduate of Churubusco High School. She moved to Fort Wayne in 1940 and had lived at her present home in Fort Wayne since 1960. She was a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, and its UMW Merriam Circle. She was also a member of the Hi-View Extension Homemakers' Club, Blackhawk Super 60s and served as a Red Cross volunteer.

She is survived by a son, Larry Jones of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mrs. David (Barbara) Sommer of Bloomington, Ill., and Kathleen Myers of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Kessler of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Margaret Flood of Fort Wayne, and Ruth Smith of Sun City Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, Raymond Kessler, Carl Kessler, Joseph Kessler, Lloyd W. Kessler, Donald W. Kessler and Oren Kessler; and three sisters, Mildred Brown, Eva Brown and Leola Clark.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Curtis R. Sylvester and the Rev. Linda Martin officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

LAOTTO — **Dorothy M. East**, 71, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Ferdinand Thurman

GARRETT — Ferdinand H. "Ferd" Thurman, 85, died Tuesday at 6:35 a.m. at his home on South Peters Street.

Mr. Thurman owned Garrett Flexible Products and Rubber Toys Unique of Garrett and Avilla for 50 years, retiring in 1992. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

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He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, a 50-year member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and a charter member of the Presidential Task Force. He was a former member of the Garrett Rotary Club and Garrett Chamber of Commerce.

He was born Feb. 23, 1912, in Vochum, Germany, to the late George and Bertha (Fey) Thurman.

He married Beverly J. Fike on Sept. 21, 1963, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Eleanor Fairchild of California and Vickie Holifield of Hudson; three sons, Rudolph of North Carolina, Russell Drew of LaGrange, and Ferdinand Jr. of Garrett; one son-in-law, Grady Holifield of Hudson; one daughter-in-law, Leann Drew of LaGrange; four brothers, John of Willoughby, Ohio, Paul of West Liberty, Ohio, George of Tucson, Ariz., and Ernie of California; three sisters, Evelyn Iannini of Painesville, Ohio,. Ann Newell of Englewood, Fla., and Ruth Johnston of Pequannock, N.J.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with graveside military services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Selma Wellman

ANGOLA — Selma L. Wellman, 87, of Angola, died Monday at 3:12 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Miss Wellman was a homemaker. She was born June 5, 1909, in Manistee, Mich., to Axel and Bertha (Finner) Wellman.

Nieces and nephews survive her.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Muskegon, Mich. There will be no funeral service or calling.

Richard Peterson

AUBURN — Richard L. Peterson, 66, died Sunday at 1:09 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Peterson retired in 1976 after 16 years as a construction worker at Westedge Mobile Home Park. He lived in Auburn 36 years.

He was born May 22, 1930, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to the late Leonard K. and Elsie Peterson.

He married Dorothy A. Muzzillo on Nov. 16, 1960, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sharon Erickson of Dowagiac, Mich.; one sister, Lenora Wood of Allegan, Mich.; and one grandchild.

One stepson, Danny Straw, and two brothers preceded him in death.

A private family gathering will take place Saturday in the community room at Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Arthritis Foundation or Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

William Brunson

FORT WAYNE — William B. "Bill" Brunson, 80, died Tuesday at 8:20 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brunson retired in 1982 as a residential sales supervisor for I&M Electric after 27 years of service. He lived in Fort Wayne for 17 years and was a 1936 graduate of Kendallville High School. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was past president of Kekionga Golden K, Kiwanis. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 215 of LaGrange and the Garrett Elks Lodge.

He was born Dec. 31, 1916, in Fortville to the late Jefferson C. and Grace (Johnson) Brunson.

He married his wife, Norma Jean, on Jan. 15, 1945, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael B. of Plano, Texas; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Bishop Paul E. Paino officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Allen County or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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Lucille Danklefsen

FORT WAYNE — Lucille D. Danklefsen, 89, died Monday at 1:25 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Luke Lutheran Church and Star of the East, Chapter 514 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She lived in Fort Wayne 30 years.

She was born July 20, 1907, in Fort Wayne to the late Albert and Emma (Dobler) Holzworth.

Surviving are two sons, Donald P. of Kendallville and Robert of West Monroe, La.; one sister, Mildred Timma of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling after noon. Robert Danklefsen will officiate. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Paul Housholder

FORT WAYNE — Paul H. Housholder, 76, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Renaissance Village, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

He was born in rural Avilla on April 10, 1921, to Herman H. and Ila E. (Hossinger) Housholder. He married the former Nancy L. Bender on Sept. 26, 1942, in Madison, Wis. She survives.

An Avilla High School graduate, Mr. Housholder was a World War II veteran.

A longtime resident of Fort Wayne, he was a sales counselor for General Electric Co., retiring in 1984 after 25 years.

He was a member of American Legion Post 240, Avilla, and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Sandra J. Fleming of Jackson, Mich., and Susan K. Johnson and Sheryl A. Yoder, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Maynard L. Householder of Avilla; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Ralph G. Housholder; and three sisters, Evelyn Rowe, Betty Keck and Elmo Edwards.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or to St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gladys Hart**, 97, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Mary Enid Miller**, 62, died Monday. Services were today in Kansas.

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Hilda Rieke

BILLINGS, Mont. — Hilda Turner Rieke, 87, died May 1 in St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, Mont.

Mrs. Rieke was an executive secretary at Rieke Corp. and a graduate of International Business College, Fort Wayne. She had an interest in aviation and attained a pilot's license in 1932. She grew up in the Portland, Ind., area.

She was born Nov. 9, 1909, in Portland to the late Lot and Maud Turner.

She married Irvin H. Rieke on Aug. 8, 1936, and he died July 26, 1988.

Surviving are three sons, Rex of Sarasota, Fla., Tex of Judith Gap, Mont., and Ted of Billings; one daughter, Pat Boza of Kilauea, Hawaii; one stepdaughter, Dorothy Waluk Green of Auburn; and numerous grandchildren great-grandchildren.

One sister and four brothers preceded her in death.

Services were conducted Monday in Michelotti, Sawyer & Nordquist Mortuary in Billings, with the Rev. John Mattison officiating. Burial was in Mountainview Cemetery, Billings.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. John's Lutheran Home.

Edward Hoch

FORT WAYNE — Edward W. Hoch, 76, died Monday in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hoch owned Waterman & Waterbury Heating and Air Conditioning for 20 years. He was a World War II veteran of the Marine Corps and a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, where he was born Dec. 31, 1920.

Surviving him are his wife, Louise M.; three daughters, Janice Meier of Fort Wayne, Barbara Birkenbeul of Hamilton and Judy Hoch of Williams, Ore.; three sons, Lester of Spencerville, and Richard and James, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Elizabeth Dolan of Coldwater, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 6-9 p.m. in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. A rosary service will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4525 Arlington, with calling from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home. A prayer service will be conducted at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the North East Indiana Kidney Center.

Geneva Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Geneva Irene Miller, 96, of Kendallville, died Wednesday at 12:08 p.m. in the emergency room at McCray Memorial Hospital. She had been in failing health since February.

She was born in DeKalb County on Jan. 7, 1901, to Edward and Mary Ella (Casey) Davidson. On May 15, 1920, in Coldwater, Mich., she married Guy Newton Miller. He preceded her in death on March 26, 1991.

Mrs. Miller had lived in Kendallville most of her life. She was a homemaker and worked in business with her husband as co-owner of Kendallville Bottling Co. from 1931-59. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Sigma Beta Sorority and Lady Elks.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Sibert and Mrs. James (Shirley) Fraze, both of Kendallville; a sister, Amber Miller of LaGrange; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

Charles Hodge Sr.

HUNTERTOWN — Charles L. Hodge Sr., 80, of rural Huntertown in DeKalb County, died Sunday in Lakeland Health Care Center in Lakeland, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, Loreta; a son, Charles L. Hodge Jr. of Melbourne, Fla.; a stepson, Larry T. Halt of Sunrise Beach, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Kay Hartman of Spencerville, and Dr. Linda Caster of Cicero; a sister Margrette O'Connell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Ryan Joseph Wei-Ming Hand**, 1 1/2, died Monday. Private services at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, where calling is from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Wilmer Clinton Kerns**, 95, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Gary Hartman

ANGOLA — Gary F. Hartman, 44, died Thursday at 2:20 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Hartman had been an assembly line worker at Dana Corp. in Auburn for two years and previously worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola for 22 years. He graduated from high school in Coldwater, Mich.

He was born April 15, 1953, in Bryan, Ohio, to William and Mary (Teegardin) Hartman. His parents survive in Coldwater.

He also is survived by his wife, Joan (Simper) Hartman of Angola; a son, Tyler Hartman of Angola; two daughters, Amy Quinonez of Corunna and Ashley Hartman of Angola; a sister, Cindy Wheeler of Quincy, Mich.; a half-sister, Jean Preston of LaGrange; his grandmother, Mildred Teegardin of Bryan; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hartman children, in care of Joan Hartman.

Paul C. Pine

OVEIDO, Fla. — Paul C. Pine, 81, a former DeKalb County resident and employee of the DeKalb Central school district, died April 22 in Oveido, Fla.

Mr. Pine was born June 4, 1915, in Coatsville, Pa., a son of Harry and Tessa Pine.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1936 and retired in 1956. He moved to DeKalb County, living on a farm near Butler, and went to work for DeKalb Central schools in the maintenance department.

He was married to Helen Pine, who survives in Oviedo. They moved to Masaryaktown, Fla., in 1976 following Mr. Pine's retirement from the DeKalb Central school district. In 1986, they moved to Lutheran Haven, a retirement center in Oviedo, where they were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Also surviving are one sister, Jean Timmins, of Masaryaktown, and several neices and nephews. Three brothers and one sister preceded Mr. Pine in death.

Services were held April 25 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, with Rev. Daniel Estok officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Pine's address is: Helen Pine, 2069 Catbird Court, Oviedo, FL 32765.

Margaret Barth

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret A. Barth, 77, of Kendallville, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday in her residence.

She was born July 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Bacil and Ethyl (Waters) Downend. On March 20, 1937, in Albion, she married Robert J. Barth. He preceded her in death June 21, 1980.

Mrs. Barth, a homemaker, was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Rosary Sodality and Harvest Home of the church.

Surviving are four daughters, Sandra Smith of Grabill, Cynthia Allen of Albion, and Linda Smith and Janet McIntosh, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Roger J. Barth of Kimmell and Duane M. Barth of Fort Wayne; a sister, Virginia Arlic of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Anita; a brother, Glenn Downend; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Daniel R. Leeuw and the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery, Ege.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are Masses to the church.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Margaret A. Barth**, 77, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Calling 4-8 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home.

LIGONIER — **Lillian M. Patton**, 75, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with calling there from 2-8 p.m. today.

Preston Moody

ANGOLA — Preston Moody, 90, a former Steuben County Commissioner and father of the late state Rep. Orville Moody, died Wednesday at 11:40 p.m.

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Moody, a farmer, was an active member of the community. He was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the state's highest civilian honor, by Gov. Matthew Welsh in the 1960s. He served as a Steuben commissioner in the 1940s.

A 1927 graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Moody joined the Angola Rotary Club in 1935, and he was the organization's oldest living member and a past president.

An Angola native and resident, he was a member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau Co-op Board of directors for 13 years, served six years on the Steuben County Draft Board, and served on the Indiana School Reorganization Board.

He was past elder at the Angola Christian Church, and a past member of the Beta Farmers Club and the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

He was born June 28, 1906, in Angola to James A. and Alice (Sowle) Moody. He is survived by his wife, Betty (Goodale), whom he married Oct. 3, 1987.

Also surviving are a son, Bruce of Fremont; a daughter, Janyce Wilson of Bryan, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Moody of Angola; seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Edna Mary (Pawlich) Moody, in 1944; his second wife, Evelyn (Teegardin) Moody, in 1987; and two sons, Paul Moody in 1937, and Orville Moody in 1989.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with Douglas Deller, Michael Pfundstein, the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. James Saunders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations to the Angola Christian Church, the Lake James Christian Assembly and Cameron Hospice are preferred.

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Deaths/Funerals

Laurence Green

PAW PAW, Mich. — Laurence E. "Spike" Green, 72, died Friday at 1:30 a.m. in a hospital at Gaylord, Mich.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Green of Wisconsin and Brad Green of Paw Paw; three sisters, Opal Myers and Lois Reddy, both of Auburn, and Maxine Hures of Mancalona, Mich.; and one brother, Paul Green of Columbia, Ohio.

Visitation will be Sunday evening at a time to be announced in Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Funeral services will be Monday at a time to be decided. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Emma Mills

FORT WAYNE — Emma R. Mills, 50, died Friday at 6:13 a.m. in her Fort Wayne home.

Mrs. Mills was a hospital laundry service finishing technician and a member of Vine Grove Baptist Church, Vine Grove, Ky. She lived in Fort Wayne for 14 years.

She was born March 7, 1947, in Bernie, Mo., to the late Ross and Rillis I. (Crites) Cates.

Surviving are her husband, R. Norman Starrett; one son, Craig Q. of Auburn; one daughter, Bobbie Jo Padgett of West Palm Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Erma Cates of Fort Wayne, Ester Roberts of Salem, and Ella Arnold of Louisville, Ky.; one brother, Isaac Cates of Homosassa, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. James Moser officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Steininger

AUBURN — Mary E. Steininger, 71, died Friday at 11:16 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Steininger was a homemaker and worked seven years at the Auburn State Bank. She was a lifelong resident of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Auburn to the late Clarence A. and Zola (Reynolds) Fretz.

She married William H. Steininger on Dec. 26, 1957, in Auburn and he died June 4, 1995.

Surviving are one stepson, Thomas A. Steininger of Garrett; one sister, Naomi B. Fretz-Pupeter of Karlsruhe, Germany; and a niece, Edda Fretz of Bloomington.

One brother, Phillip, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 5-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn Lions Club Helping Hands program.

Lawrence Green

ANGOLA — Lawrence "Spike" Green, 72, died Friday at 2:15 a.m. in Otsego Memorial Hospital, Gaylord, Mich.

Mr. Green was a machine operator for Eaton Manufacturing Corp., Kalamazoo, Mich., and retired in 1985.

He was born Sept. 27, 1924, in Steuben County to Lawrence E. and Faye Elizabeth (Ordway) in Paw Paw, Mich.

Surviving are two sons, Lawrence Carl Green of Salem, Wis., and Brad Green of Portage, Mich.; a brother, Paul LeRoy Green of Edon, Ohio.; three sisters, Opal Myers of Auburn, Lois Reddy of Auburn, and Maxine Heeres of Mancelona, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert, in 1982, and a sister, Helen Willis, in 1993.

Services were today at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ron Moser officiating. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Carolyn Miller

EULESS, Texas — Carolyn "Suzi" Miller, 50, died Saturday at 6:45 p.m. in Irving Health Care System, Irving, Texas.

She was a secretary for 20 years with GTE. She lived in Euless, Texas, for the past two years and formerly lived in Auburn. She was a 1964 graduate of Auburn High School.

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Fort Wayne chapter of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born June 21, 1946, in Auburn to Howard V. and Margaret B. (Meese) Dilley. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are one sister, Helen A. Gerig of New Haven; and three nieces, Ellen Wallseck of Chicago, Kim Yoh of New Haven, and Maree Shrock of Shipshewana.

One sister, Dorothy (Schwartz) Treesh, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Karen Koelsch, associate pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, officiating. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Tri Kappa of Fort Wayne.

Mary Deyo

ELKHART — Mary E. (Beebe) Deyo, 90, died Friday in Valley View Health Care, Elkhart.

Mrs. Deyo was a homemaker and church pianist. She helped her husband to pastor several Northern Indiana Conference United Methodist Churches, including those in Auburn, Anderson, Elkhart, Noblesville, Syracuse and Wabash. She formerly lived in Auburn and Indianapolis.

She was born April 9, 1907, in Oelwein, Iowa, to the late Charles and Alice E. (Foster) Beebe. Her husband, the Rev. Wallace W. Deyo, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois E. Smith of Elkhart and Miriam R. Vallejo of Orange City, Fla.; two sons, Arthur W. of Denver and Allen W. of Ontario, Canada; one sister, Maude Rowell of Independence, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Evalyn Hadley, and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will take place Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Floral Park Cemetery West Chapel, Indianapolis, with calling after 9:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Rev. Wallace Deyo Scholarship Fund at the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

Weaver Funeral Home, Danville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Stanley J. Peasley**, 44, died at 9:40 a.m. Saturday in his rural home after one year of declining health. Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Indiana time at St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Pigeon, Mich., with Father Robert Moss and Sister Maxine McGee officiating. A prayer service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Miller Funeral Home in Middlebury. Visitation is today from 5-7 p.m. Indiana time and Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home in Middlebury.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Marshall W. Ressler**, 84, died Sunday at Oaks Living Center. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

YODER — **John D. Czajkowski**, 46, died Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Mass at 9 a.m. Indiana time at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Bronson, Mich.

SYRACUSE — **Marion L. Yoder**, 77, died at 6:05 a.m. Saturday at Carriage Manor Nursing Home in Goshen. Visitation is today at Eastlund-Harris Funeral Home in Syracuse from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel in Syracuse with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in McClintic Cemetery.

BEAR LAKE — **Herbert C. Foote**, 88, died at 5:19 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Sunday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Art Klausmier of Emmanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Patricia Miklosko

FREMONT — Patricia Miklosko, 79, of Fremont, died Saturday at 8:35 a.m. in her home.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Mill Ponders Garden Club.

She was born May 17, 1917, in Toledo, Ohio, to John and Katherine (Nemeck) Giskra.

On Nov. 20, 1937, she married Joseph Miklosko. He survives at home in Fremont.

Also surviving are three sons, Dan of Las Vegas, Paul of Fort Wayne, and Joe of Fremont; two sisters, Rose Samu of Toledo, and Ann Tomes of Valrico, Fla.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons and a brother.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, where a vigil service will be conducted at 6 p.m.

Graveside services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Calvary Cemetery, Toledo, with Father Robert St. Martin officiating.

Memorial donations to Cameron Home Health and Hospice are preferred.

Deaths/Funerals

Martha Greenwood

ASHLEY — Martha Ellen Greenwood, 84, died Monday at 6:50 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Greenwood was born in Avilla on May 21, 1912, to Albert and Minnie (Diehm) Keck. On Nov. 25, 1937, she married Walter L. Greenwood at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. He survives.

She lived in the Ashley community for 54 years and was a homemaker. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of rural Hudson.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters; Mrs. John (Carol) Snyder of Auburn, Mrs. Jerry (Sharon) Ely of Pioneer, Ohio, and Mrs. William (Dianna) Campbell of Wabash; three sisters, Lucille Isabelle of Flat Rock, Mich., Elsie Keck of Auburn and Roseanna Koch of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A grandchild, Ramonda Jean Platter, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Wayne E. Rutz officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Memorials can be made to Prince of Peach Lutheran Church.

Carolyn Miller

EULESS, Texas — Carolyn "Suzi" Miller, 50, died Friday at 6:45 p.m. in Irving Health Care System, Irving, Texas.

She was a secretary for 20 years with GTE. She lived in Euless, Texas, for the past two years and formerly lived in Auburn. She was a 1964 graduate of Auburn High School.

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Fort Wayne chapter of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born June 21, 1946, in Auburn to Howard V. and Margaret B. (Meese) Dilley. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are one sister, Helen A. Gerig of New Haven; and three nieces, Ellen Wallseck of Chicago, Kim Yoh of New Haven, and Maree Shrock of Shipshewana.

One sister, Dorothy (Schwartz) Treesh, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will take place Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Karen Koelsch, associate pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, officiating. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Tri Kappa of Fort Wayne.

Viva Lieberenz

ELKHART — Viva B. Lieberenz, 92, died at 1:52 p.m. Friday in East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Oct. 12, 1904, in LaGrange to William and Lillian (Deibele) Bolley. On June 14, 1924, she married Everett A. Lieberenz in Elkhart. He died Dec. 18, 1978.

She had worked at Templin's Music Store. She was a member of Central Christian Church.

Surviving are five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

A son, Robert L. Lieberenz, died Dec. 19, 1991. She was also preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Services were today at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home with the Rev. John Hart officiating. Burial was at Rice Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County or National Parkinson Foundation Inc.

Hannah Hamma

FRANKFORT — Hannah Jeanette Hamma, 88, died Monday at Wesley Manor retirement community in Frankfort following an extended illness.

Mrs. Hamma was a teacher in Garfield Elementary School in Portland for six years. She lived in Portland until 1950, in Angola from 1950 to 1993, and in Frankfort since 1993. She graduated from Portland High School in 1926 and from Ball State Normal College with an associate degree in 1928.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution chapter in Portland.

She was born May 15, 1908, in Portland to the late Edward and Hettie (Neely) Bishop.

She married Darious William Hamma on Oct. 8, 1937, and he survives. Alsb surviving are one daughter, Mary Jane Schaeffer of Indianapolis; two granddaughters, Lisa Schaeffer of La Mesa, Calif., and Diane Schaeffer of Del Mar, Calif.; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Weldon and Dorothy Hamma of Portland.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Wesley Manor in Frankfort, with the Rev. Don Weaver officiating. Friends may call at the retirement home after 9:30 a.m.

Friends also may call Thursday from 3-4 p.m. at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, Portland. A prayer committal service will be at 4 p.m. in the funeral home. Cremation will follow with burial at a later date in Green Park Cemetery.

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Helen Leemon

MILFORD — Helen J. Leemon, 69, died at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lakeland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center where she had resided since April 30. She had been ill five weeks.

She was born June 17, 1927, in Gannvalley, S.D., to George and Violet (Lewallen) Koch. On Oct. 2, 1945, she married William A. Leemon.

She worked for Milford Veterinary Clinic and Maple Leaf Farms. She was a member of First Brethren Church and American Legion Auxiliary of Milford.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Andrea Ilahn of Nappanee and Kathleen Swartz of Hudson; two sons, John Leemon of Nappanee, and Donald Leemon of Milford; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Max (Betty) Malone of Goshen; and a brother, Floyd Koch of Howe.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Pressler and Dorothy Osterloo.

Services were held today at Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home with the Rev. Billy Hesketh officiating. Burial was in Violett Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Milford Volunteer Fire Department, Milford Emergency Medical Service or Nappanee Police.

Pauline Steele

GOSHEN — Pauline E. Steele, 85, died Monday at 8:15 a.m. in Carriage Manor, Goshen, where she had lived since June 1, 1994.

Mrs. Steele was a bookkeeper for Master Garment in Ligonier. She had lived in Goshen since 1937, moving from Ligonier. She was a member of the Eighth Street Mennonite Church and the Friendly Society.

She was born Dec. 18, 1911, in Wawaka to the late Melvin G. and Zoe (Guntle) Brill.

She married Glenn F. Steele on June 29, 1935, in Topeka, and he died Aug. 13, 1981.

Surviving are one sister, Helen Golden of Ligonier; one brother, Paul Brill of Auburn; and one granddaughter, Michelle Steele of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Steele on April 27; and one brother, Clyde Brill in November 1990.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Myron Schrag of the Eighth Street Mennonite Church officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Joseph Hensel

INDIANAPOLIS — Joseph P. Hensel, 67, died Sunday in Community South Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mr. Hensel worked as a printer for Indiana Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 30 years, retiring in 1988. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born March 17, 1930, in Indianapolis to Frederick and Margaret (Boyer) Hensel.

He is survived by his wife, Milna (Farlow); three daughters, Tracy Wleklinski of Auburn; Kathryn Beach of Lawrence and Elizabeth Benedict of Greenwood; a son, Christopher Hensel of Greenwood; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and a brother, Bernard Hensel of Crawfordsville.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church, followed by burial in Bainbridge Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Elizabeth Newbauer

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Elizabeth M. Newbauer, 82, of Montgomery, died Tuesday at 8:18 a.m. at her daughter's home in Montgomery.

She was a homemaker and worked for many years as a grocery clerk. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing for her children and grandchildren.

She was born Oct. 29, 1914, in Moreland, Pa., to Mike and Anna (Lakac) Balough.

Surviving are four sons, Jerome of Strongsville, Ohio, Rodger of Allegan, Mich., Michael of Angola, and Charles of Leo; three daughters, Mary Penner of Montgomery, Patricia Hartman of Coldwater, Mich., and Kathleen Miller of New Haven; a sister, Ellen Toth of Quincy, Mich.; 26 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with a rosary service at 6 p.m.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Clear Lake, with Father Robert St. Martin officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Catholic Church or Community Health Center Hospice.

John Cooper

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — John William Cooper, 43, died Tuesday afternoon in Kaiser Hospital in Sacramento, Calif.

Mr. Cooper was a security guard. He was born March 1, 1954, in Chicago to Harry and June Cooper. His mother survives in Matuchen, N.J., and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Becky; one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, at home; two brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held at a later date in Metuchen.

Jeanie Recore

HAMILTON — Jeanie Lea Recore, 47, died this morning in her home at 7980 S. 535-E, Hamilton.

Mrs. Recore was employed as a fork-lift operator at Bundy Corp. in Ashley, and attended the Concord Christian Fellowship Church in Jonesville, Mich.

She was born July 3, 1949, to Larry Watkins and Mary Louise (Brown) Watkins.

She married James D. Recore at Pleasant Lake on May 31, 1967. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Amber (Mrs. Mark) Hamm of Hamilton; two grandchildren, Jacob and Joseph Hamm; three brothers, Mel Watkins of Gary, Jim Watkins of Pleasant Lake and John Watkins of Angola; and three sisters, Rose (Mrs. Gary) Michael of Fremont, Deanna Speicher of LaGrange, and Becki (Mrs. Terry) Owens of Allen, Mich.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. No calling hours are planned. Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Orval W. Hoover**, 79, died Tuesday at 8:40 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne after an extended illness. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Caddie Amsler, chaplain of the Rome City American Legion, officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Charles Mason

ANGOLA — Charles W. Mason, 82, of Angola, died Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Dr. Mason was a teacher of philosophy and librarian at the University of Delaware. He received his doctorate in philosophy from New York University. He attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

He was born June 10, 1914, in Bear Lake, Mich., to Charles and Jennie (Merriman) Mason.

On Sept. 1, 1943, he married Armen (Johnston) Mason. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two sisters, Rene Koskinen and Jean Warren, both of Englewood, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Fern.

Graveside services will take place at 1 p.m. Friday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Donna Bowen

ANGOLA — Donna B. Bowen, 75, of Angola, died Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was an office secretary and attended Grace Baptist Church, Angola.

She was born Jan. 2, 1922, in Kendallville to Winfred G. and Gertrude (Adams) Bowen.

Surviving are two great-nephews, Brice Vincent Clark of Williamsburg, Mich., and Scott Alan Clark of Dallas; a great-niece, Deborah Williams Clark of Indianapolis; and a niece-in-law, Dorothy Clark of Angola.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with Dr. Bob Koenig officiating. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — **Helen Redman**, 81, a former teacher in the East Noble School Corp., died May 13 at the National Health Care home after an extended illness. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Baker Funeral Home in Danville. Burial will be at Danville South Cemetery. Visitation will be two hours before the service on Saturday.

ROME CITY — **Lawrence J. Reedy**, 71, died Tuesday at 6:22 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Zachary Rainey officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Dorane J. Beiswanger**, 46, died Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. with Michael D. Booher, pastor of South Milford Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and also at the church after 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Glenn Brendel

SPENCERVILLE — Glenn J. Brendel, 85, died Wednesday at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brendel retired from W.R. Grace Co. as a salesman in 1976. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville, Masonic Lodge 556 in Spencerville, Mizpah Shrine, Scottish Rite, and the Fort Wayne Historical Bottle Society.

He was born March 16, 1912, in Fort Wayne. His wife, Evelyn Norris Brendel, died in 1989.

Surviving are one son, Glenn E. of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Susan Funk of Spencerville; one brother, Lew of Fort Wayne; one sister, Edith Blaising of Fort Wayne; and one grandson, Todd Brendel.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. A Masonic service will be conducted Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville, or the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin.

Daisy Groh

QUINCY, Ill. — Daisy May Groh, 87, died Wednesday at 12:01 a.m. in Brighton Pavilion Funeral Home in Quincy, Ill.

Mrs. Groh formerly resided with her son-in-law and late daughter, Pat and Karl Goldhorn of Quincy. She was a member of the Christian Faith.

She was born Jan. 11, 1910, in DeKalb County to Chub Dale and Kate Standford Richmond.

On July 3, 1947, she married Charles N. Groh in Quincy, Ill. He preceded her in death in February 1967.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Pat Goldhorn; six sisters, Helen Ewing, Laura Allgeier, Ellen Whittington, Mary Ruth, Lillie Richmond and Orah Lee Richmond; and four brothers, Jesse, Al, Frank and Arthur.

Surviving are a son, Harry D. "Dale" Brown of Kettle Falls, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles (Blanche) Goe and Mrs. Ivy Sucher, both of Auburn; her son-in-law, Karl Goldhorn of Quincy; four grandchildren, Glenetta Brown of Houston, Richard "Ric" Brown of Ramona, Calif., and Debra Kay (Mrs. Steven) White and June Patricia Means, both of Kettle Falls, Wash.; several great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 9 a.m. in the Hansen-Spear Funeral Home, Quincy, Ill., with the Rev. George Sublette officiating.

Burial will be in Quincy Memorial Park.

Gwendolyn Harvey

ANGOLA — Gwendolyn Harvey, 70, of Angola, died Wednesday at 1:10 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Harvey was a retired secretary and salesperson for Harvey Realty, Angola.

She was born March 28, 1927, to Esther Nettie Wise and Carl Keesberry. Her mother survives in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cynthia Carr and Nancy Beechy of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Jody Camp of Coldwater; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Harvey in 1987, and two sons, Phillip C. Osmun in 1956 and Craig M. Osmun in 1975.

Friends may call from 6-9 tonight at Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Cremation will follow at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, are preferred.

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Margaret Long

STANWOOD, Mich. — Margaret "Peg" Long, 76, died Wednesday in the Mecosta County General Hospital of Big Rapids, Mich.

She lived in Auburn from 1961 to 1967, and formerly lived in Parma, Ohio, Detroit, and Canadian Lakes in Stanwood, Mich. She was active in multiple church committees and chairmanships and a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Mich.

Mrs. Long was born April 16, 1921, in Parma to the late Joseph and Louise (Nist) Uhler.

She married Edward F. Long on Oct. 9, 1943, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, James W. of Saginaw, Mich.; two daughters, Carolyn S. Taggart of West Bloomfield, Mich., and Tanya Long of Howell, Mich.; one sister, Grace A. Fox of Redford, Mich.; two sisters- and brothers-in-law, Bob and Joyce Kasmer of Mecosta, Mich., and Carol Ann and Dick Burman of West Bloomfield; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-6:30 p.m. (Indiana time) and Saturday after 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in Crittenden-Hansen Funeral Home of Remus, Mich.

Services will take place Saturday at noon (Indiana time) in Northland United Methodist Church, Stanwood, with Pastor Edward Slate officiating. Burial will be in Acacia Park Cemetery, Southfield, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Association or the church.

Jeanie Recore

HAMILTON — Memorial services for Jeanie Lea Recore, 47, will take place Saturday at 1:30 p.m in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. Pastor Jim Osbourne will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Steuben County Well Child Clinic.

Mrs. Recore died Wednesday morning in her home at 7980 S. 535-E, Hamilton. She was employed as a forklift operator at Bundy Corp. in Ashley, and attended the Concord Christian Fellowship Church in Jonesville, Mich.

She was born July 3, 1949, in Garrett to Larry Watkins and Mary Louise (Brown) Watkins.

She married James D. Recore in Pleasant Lake on May 29, 1969. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Amber (Mrs. Mark) Hamm of Hamilton; two grandchildren, Jacob and Joseph Hamm; three brothers, Mel Watkins of Gary, Jim Watkins of Pleasant Lake and John Watkins of Angola; and three sisters, Rose (Mrs. Gary) Michael of Fremont, Deanna Speicher of LaGrange, and Becki (Mrs. Terry) Owens of Allen, Mich.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Beverly J. Hansen**, 71, died Thursday at Whitley County Memorial Hospital. Services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home. Calling from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Joseph Brinkerhoff

GARRETT — Joseph A. Brinkerhoff, 76, died Thursday at 5 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

He had been a resident of Milwaukee, Ore., for seven months. He previously lived in Garrett.

He worked in research and development for ITT in Fort Wayne for 20 years, before retiring in 1973. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born March 12, 1921, in Garrett. His parents, James D. Brinkerhoff Sr. and Josephine (Teal) Brinkerhoff, preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sons, Jeff Brinkerhoff of Lake Worth, Fla.; and Joel Brinkerhoff of Milwaukee, Ore.; a daughter, Judy Smith of Twin Lakes, Wis., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and James Brinkerhoff, and a sister, Beverly Vogel.

His funeral will take place in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett at a later date.

Albert Puff

HUDSON — Albert P. Puff, 72, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday in Courtland Health and Rehabilitation Center, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending with Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Robert Comparet

ANGOLA — Robert J. Comparet, 73, of Angola died Friday.

A native of Fort Wayne, Mr. Comparet was an electrical engineer for International Harvester for 36 years, retiring in 1986. He was secretary and treasurer of the Carl Bartlett Memorial Scholarship Fund and played tenor saxophone and clarinet for the Jimmy Steir Band. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was married to Joan L. Comparet, who survives in Angola.

Surviving are six sons, David of Lake James, Daniel of Churubusco, Matthew of Kokomo, Timothy of Kendallville, and Mark and Thomas, both of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Susan Renner of Fremont, Ann Comparet-Helms of Indianapolis, Aimee Comparet of Houston, Laura A. Nine of Fort Wayne; and Jennifer Comparet of Aurora, Ill.; one sister, Aimee Jane Tew of Fort Wayne; one brother, Germain Comparet of Montgomery, Mich.; and 16 grandchildren.

Services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday in D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association and the Carl Bartlett Memorial Fund are preferred.

Kent Miller

FORT WAYNE — Kent Earl Miller, 30, died Thursday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller lived in Fort Wayne all his life and was a salesman for Mutton Power Equipment Co. He was a member of West Creighton Avenue Christian Church.

He was born Jan. 27, 1967, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Robert P. and Cynthia Miller of Fort Wayne; his mother and stepfather, Sharon E. and Ronald Lewellyn of Fremont; one brother, Randall Miller of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Deborah Brown of Troy, Mich.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. Gary Forbes officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Beverly Hansen

TRI LAKES — Beverly J. Hansen, 71, of Tri Lakes, died Thursday at Whitley County Memorial Hospital.

A Noble County native, she is survived by her husband, Carl; three sons, Michael of Plainfield, Lee Kistler of Marion and Bill of Warsaw; three daughters, Brenda Keller of Plainfield, Dottie Kistler of Montgomery, Ala., and Jean Hinchman of Hamilton; two brothers, Murray Rowland of Albion and Walt Rowland, address unknown; three sisters, Nellie Duggins of South Whitley, June Wilson of Michigan and Belle Ressler of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Monday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with burial in Nolt Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

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Elizabeth A. Mavis

AUBURN — Elizabeth A. Mavis, 89, died Sunday at 9:50 a.m. in the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had lived in Auburn for the past 70 years.

Mrs. Mavis retired as a press operator from Stanscrew in Garrett in 1972 with 10 years' experience. Before that, she worked as a press operator for Messenger Corp. in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 14, 1907, in Quincy, Ohio, the daughter of Alpha and Annie (Swan) Zook. They preceded her in death.

She married Bruce H. Mavis on June 23, 1927, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on June 21, 1968.

Survivors are her two daughters, Mrs. Ken (Joan) McInturf of San Andreas, Calif., and Mrs. Robert (Jean) Sliger of Corunna; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

Services will take place Thursday at 1 p.m. in the McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, with the Rev. Dr. Richard Moore of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling hours are Wednesday 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations to the First Christian Church Ministry for Shut-ins are preferred.

Phillip Traycoff

INDIANAPOLIS — Phillip S. Traycoff, 69, died Sunday at Community North Hospital.

He was currently a manufacturer's representative for United Stage Equipment Co. in Hartselle, Ala., a position he had held for 30 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a captain in the Air National Guard until his retirement.

He was a member of the first class to graduate in Slavic studies from Indiana University in 1950. He received a master's degree in Russian from Indiana University in 1952. He also studied Russian at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Surviving him are his wife, Sara (Copsey) Traycoff; two sons, Sergei Michael and Gregor Phillip; one stepson, Jeffry Hoffmeister of Waterloo; three grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 10 a.m.-noon in G.H. Hermann Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Private services will be held.

Amelia Wappes

HUNTINGTON — Amelia Irene Ruppert Wappes, 83, died Monday at 1:05 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Huntington, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Wappes was a 1932 graduate of Ashley High School. She worked at Utrad in Huntington as a laborer for 17 years, retiring in 1973. She formerly lived in Andrews and Pierceton. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntington.

She was born Jan. 12, 1914, in Waterloo to the late Frank and Elvina (Blomeke) Miller.

She married Paul Frederick Ruppert on Sept. 2, 1936, and he died Sept. 25, 1957. She then married Lawrence Edwin Wappes on Feb. 17, 1973, and he died March 22, 1986.

Surviving her are one daughter, Shirley Palmer of Pierceton; four sons, David Ruppert and Yetive Ruppert, both of Huntington, and Phil Ruppert and Ron Ruppert, both of Andrews; one stepdaughter, Mary Kay Wente of New Haven; three stepsons, Edwin Wappes of New Haven, John Wappes of Antwerp, Ohio; and Jess Wappes of Harlan; three sisters, Dorothy Hoffelder, Ursula Smith and Joan Rudolph, all of Waterloo; one brother, Anthony "Pete" Miller of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren, and one stepgreat-grandson.

One son, Meredith Ruppert, one sister, Kathryn Walker, and one grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Hart Funeral Home, Huntington. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A funeral Mass will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntington, with Father Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church or to the Alzheimer's Support Group of Huntington.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Eugene E. Pippin**, 60, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert J. Schimmoeller**, 64, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. EDT in Fort Jennings, Ohio. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with a twilight memorial services at 7 p.m. by Columbia City Eagles Lodge No. 1906. Additional calling in Delphos, Ohio.

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Karen Brown

BUTLER — Karen Elizabeth Brown, 50, died Monday at 7:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born March 28, 1947, in Detroit, Mich. She married Joseph Lee Brown on Feb. 10, 1995, in Bryan, Ohio, and he survives.

She also is survived by one son; four daughters, and several brothers and sisters.

There will be no calling or services. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Hodge Sr.

HUNTERTOWN — Charles "Lark" Hodge Sr., 80, of rural Huntertown in DeKalb County, died May 4 in Lakeland Health Care Center in Lakeland, Fla.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 8, 1916, to Lark and Sadie (Quinn) Hodge. On Oct. 1, 1978, he married Loreta "Reta" Castor. She survives.

Mr. Hodge grew up in Fort Wayne and was a 1933 graduate of Central Catholic High School. His career with the U.S. Postal Service spanned 30 years, first as a postal carrier for 10 years in Fort Wayne and later in Florida as a carrier and branch manager for the Miami Post Office, retiring in 1972. Following his retirement he moved back to Indiana in 1978. He was a member of Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla and the Albion Eagles Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Charles L. Hodge Jr. of Melbourne, Fla.; a stepson, Larry T. Halt of Sunrise Beach in Missouri; two stepdaughters, Kay Hartman of Spencerville, and Dr. Linda Castor of Cicero; a sister Margrette O'Connell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dan Durkin officiating. Burial will in be Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall of Huntertown United Methodist Church following interment Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla or the American Cancer Society.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Harold L. "Pete" Shambaugh**, 80, died Tuesday. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Karen Brown

BUTLER — Karen E. Brown, 50, died Monday at 7:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born March 28, 1947, in Detroit to the late Leo and Eleanore (Burghardt) Tokarski.

She married Joseph Lee Brown on Feb. 10, 1995 in Bryan, Ohio, and he survives.

She also is survived by one son, Jason Davis of Monroe, Mich.; four daughters, Nikki Craig of Defiance, Ohio, Mellissa Davis of Monroe, Mich., Kristen Barson of Austin, Texas, and Michelle MacPherson of Sanford, Fla.; two brothers, Kenneth Tokarski of Roseville, Mich., and Jon Tokarski of Warren, Mich.; one sister, Lynette Morgan; and one grandchild.

There will be no calling or services. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Lois Wilson

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Lois M. Wilson of Sun City died Saturday at Boswell Memorial Hospital, Sun City.

She was born July 9, 1925, in Steuben County to Orville Ray and Viola (Weber) Tritch and had lived near Pleasant Lake. She was employed by General Electric as a payroll clerk for 10 years.

On June 17, 1950, she married Wilbur Wilson, who survives at home in Sun city. The couple lived in Huntington until moving to Sun City in 1994.

Also surviving are two daughters, Nancy Sue Sowers of Anderson, and Connie Elaine Ray of Gurnee, Ill.; three sisters, Lylene Swift of Fremont, Dorothy Favorite of Leesburg, Fla., and Helen Harris of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Tritch of Pleasant Lake and Donald Tritch of Hamilton.

Services will be Friday at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington, with burial in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington County.

Dorothy Green

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Dorothy Dawn "Dottie" Green, 72, died today at 6:44 a.m. in her Hicksville home.

She had worked at Bud Laub Chevrolet & Olds, Laub Grocery, for Dr. George Hanna and at the Armstrong Agency. She was an artist and had many displays in the community.

Mrs. Green was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville for 40 years, and was sweetheart of the year in the church in 1994. She was instrumental in the restoration of St. Paul Episcopal Church in Hicksville. She won the Volunteer of the Year Award in 1986 from the American Cancer Society of Defiance County and was Rotary's Citizen of the Year in 1988. She was a member of the Hicksville Village Players and one of the founders of the Bargain Box.

She was born May 3, 1925, in Auburn to the late Harry and Minnie Davidson. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1943.

She married Richard Paul Green on Feb. 10, 1951, in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Laura Rowan of Cleveland; one son, Todd Gree of Hicksville; one brother, Joseph Davidson of Auburn; and three grandchildren.

One sister, Vivian Harpster, and one brother, Harold Davidson, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, with calling after noon (Indiana times). Dr. Marcus Lohrmann, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County, Hicksville Village Players, St. John Lutheran Church or Defiance County Humane Society.

Kenneth Creager

WATERLOO — Kenneth B. Creager, 82, died Wednesday at 5:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Creager was a Smithfield Township farmer and lived on County Road 18, Waterloo. He worked at Hendrickson Suspension Co., Kendallville, for 14 years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo.

He was born Oct. 3, 1914, in DeKalb County to the late Ray and Mary (Cherry) Creager.

He married Rosella Dunn on Aug. 3, 1968, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jerry of Houston, Bill of Hamilton and Roger of Springfield, Ind.; three stepsons, John Dunn, James Dunn and Frank Dunn, all of Waterloo; one stepdaughter, Carol Spurr of Waterloo; three brothers, Harold of Butler, Duane of Waterloo and Allen of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Ilene Grover and Helen Cattle, both of California, Lois Charleswood of Waterloo and Ruth Banszak of South Bend; 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-8:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Florn Smith

ASHLEY — Florn E. Smith, 81, died Wednesday at 7:10 a.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Smith was a former employee of International Harvester, Fort Wayne, and lived in Ashley. He also drove an oil truck for Mobil Oil Co. in Auburn for several years.

He was born April 13, 1916, Washington Township, Whitley County, to the late Russell and Vera (Hicks) Smith.

He married Lydia Keesler in 1946 and she died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Roy of Fort Wayne and Eugene of LaGrange, one stepdaughter, Ileen Molter of Orland; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Area Deaths

WOLF LAKE — **Owen C. Harting**, 86, died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Julia E. Martinez**, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 3 p.m. Friday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, and 1-3 p.m. Friday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Eleanor C. Pece

DARIEN, Ill. — Eleanor C. Pece, 62, died Thursday morning at 10 at her home in Darien Ill.

She graduated from Leo High School in 1953 and was a secretary for a temporary service.

She was born March 28, 1935, the daughter of Earl and Bernice (Myers) Schowe, in Auburn.

Her husband, Edward Pece, survives her. Also surviving are two sons, Ron and Eric; one daughter, Monica Mulholland and a brother, Gaylord Schowe.

Her funeral will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, Darien, with Pastor David Bottorff officiating. Burial will follow at Concordia Cemetery in Forest Park, Ill.

Calling takes place today from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Moddell Funeral Home in Darien.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Isabella Love

BLOOMINGTON — Isabella M. Love, 93, of Bloomington, died Thursday morning at Bloomington Hospital.

She was a homemaker and had taught school in her early years. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Bloomington, Kappa Kappa Sigma, Local Council of Women (past president 1944-45), Conversation Club, Monroe County Women's Department Club, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary and Rebekah Lodge.

Born Oct. 8, 1903 in Jasonville, Ind., she was the daughter of Robert Jacob and Sarah Ellen (McElroy) Wetnight.

She is survived by: two sons, Robert Reed Love of Auburn and James Richard Love of Farmington Hills, Mich.; a sister, Susanne Love Farnum of Highland, Mich,; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Day Mortuary, 2701 E. Third St., Bloomington, with the Rev. Ron Parker officiating. Entombment will be in Rose Hill Mausoleum.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, in care of Day Mortuary.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Claude James Wilson**, 91, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. EDT (10 a.m. Indiana time) in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, Sturgis, Mich., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. EDT Monday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Robert E. Heinzelmann**, 81, died Thursday. Services are pending at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Willis A. Walker**, 87, died Thursday. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Monday and two hours before services on Tuesday.

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Dr. Gary Sheeler

AUBURN — Dr. Gary L. Sheeler, 47, died Friday in his home on Iwo Street in Auburn.

Dr. Sheeler was a family physician in Auburn. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, Indiana State Medical Association, DeKalb County Medical Association, and Christian Medical and Dental Association. He previously served as chief of the medical staff of DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was a member of the Auburn Missionary Church, where he served as an elder.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 1, 1949, to Phil and Bea (Kraemer) Sheeler. His parents survive in Columbia City.

He married Cheryl Hunt in Richmond, Ind., on Aug. 19, 1972. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Tad, Ben and Jon, all at home; a daughter, Jennifer, at home; a brother, Ray, of Dallas; and two sisters, Sue Smith of Bluffton and Carla Emig of Louisville, Ky.

Friends may call Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A memorial service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Missionary Church. The Rev. Bill Lyne will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the Auburn Missionary Church.

Arden Inlow

ST. JOE — Arden D. Inlow, 78, of 6076 State Road 101, died Friday at 2:35 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He had been a patient at the hospital since last Saturday.

Mr. Inlow retired in 1987 as owner and operator of Inlow Sand and Gravel in St. Joe. He graduated from St. Joe High School in 1936, and was a member of the American Bowling Association.

He was born Oct. 12, 1918, in DeKalb County to O.E. and Emma Jane (Mann) Inlow.

On May 20, 1946, he married Deloris Keener in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Anita Schroeder of St. Joe and Judy J. Cook and Robin R. Inlow, both of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Donald and Roger, both of Auburn, and Paul and Loren, both of Harlan; four sisters, Irene Inlow, Flossie Hubbard and Betty Lee, all of Auburn, and Becky Grobis of St. Joe; and three grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Charles, formerly of Louisville and Harold, formerly of Hicksville, Ohio; and two sisters, Alta Anderson, formerly of Butler and Mabel Furnish, formerly of Leo.

Friends may call at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, Saturday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. (Indiana times).

Friends also may call Sunday after 2 p.m. at the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, rural St. Joe, where a funeral service will begin at 3 p.m. Minister Todd Steere will officiate.

Burial will be in the Newville Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department or Coburn Corners Church of Christ are preferred.

Anne Duff

BLOOMINGTON — Anne S. Duff, 69, died Friday in her home at Bloomington.

Mrs. Duff was a native of Auburn. She worked in retail management with Sears for 18 years. She attended the Indiana University School of Music. She was a member of St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church in Cincinnati and the Daughters of Isabella sorority.

She was born Nov. 26, 1927, in Auburn to Robert T. and Elizabeth (Bierly) Schooley.

She is survived by her husband, Robert K. Duff of Bloomington; nine sons, Michael and David, both of Bloomington, John and Thomas, both of Indianapolis, James of Naperville, Ill., Joseph of Geneva, Ill., Timothy of Cincinnati, Jeffery of Plainfield and William of Memphis, Tenn.; two daughters, Roberta Shea and Theresa Hawley, both of Bloomington; three sisters, Betty Schooley and Jane Foley, both of Auburn, and Mary Beers of Greensboro, N.C.; two brothers, James Schooley of Gaithersburg, Md., and David Schooley of Hagerstown, Md.; and 20 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Hughes, and a grandson, Joseph Duff.

Friends may call Monday from 2-9 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, 3000 E. Third St., Bloomington, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

A traditional Latin Mass service will take place Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Father James Thielen will officiate. Burial will be in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Isabella Love

BLOOMINGTON — Isabella M. Love, 93, of Bloomington, died Thursday morning at Bloomington Hospital.

She was a homemaker and had taught school in her early years. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Bloomington, Kappa Kappa Sigma, Local Council of Women (past president 1944-45), Conversation Club, Monroe County Women's Department Club, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary and Rebekah Lodge.

Born Oct. 8, 1903 in Jasonville, Ind., she was the daughter of Robert Jacob and Sarah Ellen (McElroy) Wetnight.

She is survived by: two sons, Robert Reed Love of Auburn and James Richard Love of Farmington Hills, Mich.; a daughter, Susanne Love Farnum of Highland, Mich.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 10 a.m. in Day Mortuary, 2701 E. Third St., Bloomington, with the Rev. Ron Parker officiating. Entombment will be in Rose Hill Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, in care of Day Mortuary.

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Amos Aschleman

GARRETT — Amos E. Aschleman, 79, died Saturday at 12:30 a.m. in his Garrett home.

He owned and operated Auburn Hatchery & Feed Mill until it closed. He worked at Stanadyne in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and Gideons International.

Mr. Aschleman was born May 6, 1918 in Gibson County, Indiana, to the late John and Barbara (Gingerich) Aschleman.

He married Lavonne James on Oct. 21, 1939, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Merial of Butler, James and Susan of Indianapolis, and Steven and Ondalee of Mattawan, Mich.; three brothers, William and Raymond, both of Auburn and Elmer of North Manchester; two sisters, Adeline Stuckey and Mildred Palmer, both of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Cletus and John, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, rural Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Don Shankster will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Andy Lehner

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Richard "Andy" Lehner, 83, of Kendallville, died at 1:40 a.m. Monday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville, where he had resided the past year. He had been in failing health one year.

He was born June 7, 1913, in Kendallville to John and Viola (Richards) Lehner. On May 29, 1940, in Kendallville, he married Marie I. Hahn. She preceded him in death Jan. 6, 1977.

Mr. Lehner, a lifetime Kendallville resident, had been an electrician at Kraft Foods for 25 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of Mitchell Street United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of American Legion Post 86 and a member of Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ed (Pamela) Baker of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Shoener of Garrett; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lehner, and a sister, Greta Gehring.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the East Noble Athletic Fund or Shepherd of the Hill van fund.

Marjorie Grim

PLEASANT LAKE — Marjorie L. Grim, 84, died at 11:45 p.m. Friday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Grim, a homemaker, was a former member of the Steuben Township Firemen's Auxiliary.

She was born May 21, 1913, in York Township, Steuben County, to Edna (Tingler) and Ora Fee.

She is survived by a friend, Rose E. Enault.

Mrs. Grimm was preceded in death by her husband, Seldon Grim, in 1992; and a sister, Dorothy Bryan in 1993.

Services were Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial was at South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Carolyn Welch

EDON, Ohio — Carolyn J. Welch, 57, died at 7:45 p.m. Friday at her home.

Mrs. Welch had worked 10 years at Gulick Truck Sales and Service.

She was born July 9, 1939, in Angola, to John and Doris (Favourite) Welch.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry; a daughter, Ronda Welch of Angola; a son, Steven Welch of Montpelier, Ohio; a brother, Lloyd Gearhart of Fremont; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3-7:30 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Donald Harris officiating. Burial will be at Edon Cemetery, Edon.

Preferred memorials are to Williams County Hospice.

Gay Bennett

BUTLER — Gay Lou Bennett, 53, died Tuesday at 5:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She formerly worked 14 years for Magnavox Co. in Garrett and Columbia City. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 18, 1943, in Angola to the late Glenn O. and Ida E. (Esley) Westbrook.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Sara Bennett of Butler and Ryan and Tricia Bennett of Hicksville, Ohio; one brother, Randy Westbrook of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Dan McCartney and Mark McCartney, both of Avilla; two stepsisters, Sheri Martin of Fremont and Linda Watson of Newville; two grandchildren, Caszandra and Elisa Bennett, and one step grandson, Dean Bartel.

She was preceded in death by her stepmother, Alice Springer Westbrook, and one brother, Kenneth Owen Westbrook.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at noon in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Dale Rabineau will officiate, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family in care of John Bennett, 336 N. Parklane, Butler IN 46721.

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Cecilia Shoudel

AUBURN — Cecilia Shoudel, 89, died Saturday at 6:18 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn, where she had lived for four years.

She retired in 1972 with 30 years of service as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell (now Ameritech). She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and its rosary society.

Miss Shoudel was born Sept. 14, 1907, in Waterloo to the late Mathias C. and Johanna (Klein) Shoudel.

Surviving are one sister, Magdalena C. Dulle of Auburn; one niece, Johanna Fryklind of Arcadia, Fla.; three nephews, Lawrence Shoudel of Waterloo, Ambrose Dulle of Plymouth, and Francis Dulle of Auburn.

One sister, Martha, and three brothers, Father Herman Shoudel, Anthony Shoudel, and Frank Shoudel, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Bonnie Jamison

GARRETT — Bonnie J. Jamison, 69, died Friday at 6:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked as an assembler at Electric Motors in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of the Albion Eagles and Garrett Elks lodges. She lived on North Franklin Street, Garrett.

Mrs. Jamison was born Aug. 9, 1927, in Corunna to the late Charlie E. and Marie (Dellenbach) Roush.

She married Merritt B. Ricketts on Feb. 18, 1961, in Garrett, who died Jan. 30, 1977. She married Floud Jamison on Jan. 26, 1980, and he died May 23, 1994.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Greg Campbell of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sisters, Betty Smurr and Sharon Rowe, both of Garrett; two granddaughters, Nanci Campbell and Heather Campbell, both of St. Petersburg, and one grandson, Greg Campbell II of St. Petersburg.

One brother, Robert Roush, preceded her in death.

Services were held today at 1:30 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. Pastor Greg Campbell officiated, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Heart Association or Lions Club.

Patricia Anderson

LAOTTO — Patricia A. Anderson, 54, of LaOtto, died in her residence at 10:25 a.m. Sunday from cancer.

She was born Sept. 10, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Rex and Treva E. (Myers) Winesburg. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne. On Feb. 28, 1959, in Fort Wayne, she married Gary E. Anderson. He also died of cancer on Jan. 22, 1996.

Mrs. Anderson, a 25-year resident of LaOtto, was an assembler for North American Phillips Corp. in Auburn for 12 years.

Surviving with her mother are four sons, Bart Anderson of Churubusco, Craig Anderson of Fort Wayne, Kurt Anderson of LaOtto, and Doug Anderson of Larwill; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, Richard Winesburg of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery at a later date.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Noble County Cancer Society.

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Jane Jones

ASHLEY — Jane W. Jones, 100, of Ashley, died at 8:37 p.m. Monday in Peabody Retirement Home, North Manchester.

She was born near Mitchell, S.D., on June 3, 1896, to Humphrey and Sara Williams. On Aug. 5, 1925, in Wales, Wis., she married the Rev. John E. Jones. He preceded her in death May 9, 1968.

Mrs. Jones, a homemaker, also helped her husband in his ministry. She was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church and its Ladies Aid.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ted (Betty) Huffman of Melbourne, Fla.; a brother, David H. Williams of Washington state; two grandchildren, Mrs. Paul (Beth) Miller of McCordsville, and Paul Huffman of Palm Bay, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren, Haley and Alexis Miller and Joel Huffman.

There will be no funeral services or visitation.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Block Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Preferred memorials are to Salem Center Church or Peabody Retirement Home.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Charles H. Anderson**, 80, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Chloe Ann Nesbitt**, 56, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

LIGONIER — **Edward R. Fisher**, 89, died Friday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Friday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

LIGONIER - **Quentin F. Stultz II**, 66, died Thursday. Services were today in Lancaster, Ohio.

SYRACUSE — **Christian Jensen**, 73, died Friday. Memorial services were held today in Syracuse.

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Everett Franze

ANGOLA — Everett L. Franze, 70, of Angola, died at 4:53 a.m. this morning at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Franze, a World War II Navy veteran, retired Jan. 1, 1989 from the Dana Weatherhead plant in Angola. He was a member of the Pioneer Club, the Angola Moose lodge and Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Steuben County to William and Edith (Diamond) Franze.

Surviving are his wife, Maxine (Bowman) Franze of Angola; one son, Steven Franze of San Diego; a daughter, Michelle Franze of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two brothers, Frank Franze of Auburn and Richard Franze of Lawrenceburg; three sisters, Ruth Doub of Mesa, Ariz., Faye Craeger of Auburn, Edyth Narkter of Kendallville; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Larry Franze; three brothers, "Dev" Devereaux Franze, Herman Franze and William Franze; and two sisters, Jeannette Cox and Marie Hofler.

Friends may call from 10-11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services follow at the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Tural Grischke

FORT WAYNE — Tural G. Grischke, 88, died Friday at 1:15 p.m. in Regency Place, Fort Wayne. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 20, 1908, in South Whitley to the late Orville J. and Edith I. (Blue) Ulrey. Her husband, Paul, died in 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Nick A. of Fort Wayne and Paul R. of Grand Rapids, Mich.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Pastor John Stubo officiating. Burial was in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospital for Children.

Ron Criffield

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Ron A. "Critter" Criffield, 19, was found Friday morning by some fishermen after he died in a hiking accident in the Marengo Cave area. He apparently slipped and fell into a shallow creek bed, where he died instantly of a broken neck.

He was a second-year student at Indiana University. He was the son of Susan and Robert Leyha of Granger, who survive.

Also surviving are two sisters, Gabrielle and Kathryn; one brother, Beaumont; his grandparents, Betty A. Meiring of Corunna, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Criffield of Mishawaka, and Robert Leyha of South Bend; and an uncle, L. Thomas Criffield.

Mr. Criffield was a member of the swim and soccer teams in elementary school in Knox. He attended Penn High School in South Bend, where he was a member of the football and wrestling teams. He was a life member of the Wing Family of America on Cape Cod, a 12th-generation member of the one of the oldest registered names in America.

He worked with his grandmother at the Farmer's Market in Auburn several years ago. He worked at Noble Roman's Pizza in Bloomington, and had worked as Martin's Supermarket and as a corn detassler.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in Welsheimer North Funeral Home, Cleveland Road near University Mall, South Bend.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Floyd Miller

WAWAKA — Floyd L. Miller, 50, of Wawaka, died at 1:20 a.m. today in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

(Editor's note: This obituary is being reprinted to correct a name.)

Harold Machamer

FREMONT — Harold W. "Doc" Machamer, 75, of Lake George, Fremont, died at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was born Sept. 6, 1921, in Lewiston, Pa., to Frank and Clara (Miller) Machamer. On Feb. 4, 1954, in Mifflintown, Pa., he married Velma M. White. She survives.

Mr. Machamer moved to Steuben County in 1978 from North Manchester. He was a retired business manager of Moose Lodges International. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the VFW Post in Michigan City, American Legion and IOOF Lodge, both in Fremont, Moose Lodge in LaPorte, and St. Robert's Catholic Church, North Manchester.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Rebecca J. Machamer of South Bend; a son, Frank Patrick Machamer of Winamac.; two sisters, Margaret Gates of Middletown, Pa., and Isabelle Sieber of Lewistown, Pa.; a brother, Robert Machamer of Hilton Head, S.C.; and eight grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Velma Fisel

LIGONIER — Velma R. Fisel, 81, of Ligonier, died at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday in Goshen General Hospital.

She was born Sept. 22, 1915, in Corunna to Walter and Frances (Murphy) McDonald. On May 8, 1943, in Ligonier, she married Robert Fisel. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Mrs. Fisel had worked for the former Wirk Garment Co. in Ligonier. She was a lifetime Ligonier area resident and member of Goshen Apostolic Pentecostal Church.

Surviving are a brother, Carl McDonald of New Paris; and a sister, Marjorie Kinnison of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. W.O. Lawson and the Rev. Jack DeWald officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

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Thurman Mason

BUTLER — Thurman Wayne Mason, 74, died Tuesday at 10:41 a.m. in his home on West Green Street, Butler.

He was a brakeman for Conrail for 40 years, retiring April 8, 1982. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Calvary Temple of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mason was born Jan. 15, 1923, in Payne, Ohio, to the late Jacob and Minnie (Spencer) Mason.

He married Frances Camp on March 14, 1942, in Payne, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dennis of Butler; three daughters, Doris Jean Hoffer of Bluffton, Carma Collins of Butler and Charlene Knoblauch of Jimmerson Lake, Steuben County; one brother, Glen of Malinta, Ohio; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Calvary Temple of Fort Wayne or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

LaVerge Shuherk

LEO — LaVerge E. Shuherk, 93, died Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and lived in Leo.

Mrs. Shuherk was born Sept. 2, 1902, in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late Ira and Lydia McClellan.

She married William W. Shuherk of June 29, 1925, and he died Dec. 17, 1995.

Surviving are one son, Robert of Avilla; three sisters, Leona Hosteter of Hicksville, Ohio, Marjorie McClellan of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Madalene Nichols of Edgerton, Ohio; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 5-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cedar Canyon EMS.

Max Culler

ELLENTON, Fla. — Max E. Culler, 75, died Saturday at his home in Ellenton, Fla.

He retired in 1986 as a meat cutter from Scott's Foods with 20 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose in Auburn. He lived most of his life in Auburn before moving to Florida in 1992.

Mr. Culler was born Oct. 27, 1921, in Auburn to Joseph and Olive (Keesberry) Culler. His mother survives in Butler and his father is deceased.

He married Betty A. Wine on July 16, 1968, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three stepsons, Lowell Worth of Fort Wayne, Harl Worth of Lees Summit, Mo., and Garr Worth of Las Vegas; five stepdaughters, Sherri Billman and Kathy Webber, both of Fort Wayne, Tina Adams and Laurie Culler, both of Auburn, and Pam Carper of New Haven; 17 stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice.

Margrette Stahl

WATERLOO — Margrette E. Stahl, 91, died at 4 a.m. this morning in Appalachia Medical Center, Hazard, Ky.

She was a homemaker and a former Waterloo resident.

She was born June 3, 1905, in DeKalb County to the late Alpheus and Clara (McClellan) Cobler. Her husband, George C. Stahl, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Ray of Garrett and Jesse of South Milford; one daughter, Betty Dunn of Viper, Ky.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul; one daughter, Mary Knisley; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

John McKenna

ANGOLA — John F. McKenna, 64, died Monday at 1:11 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He retired after 28 years as an accountant and controller. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, and served as head football coach for St. Charles Catholic School for 18 years. He was a third-degree member of Knights of Columbus.

Mr. McKenna was born April 7, 1933, in Livermoore, Iowa, to the late Thomas and Maude (Martin) McKenna.

Surviving are his wife, Mardelle R. of Angola; three sons, John A. of Dry Ridge, Ky., and Joseph A. and James A., both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Julie A. Knudson of Auburn; one sister, Marilyn McKenna of Garner, Iowa; and 14 grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A rosary service is mending Thursday at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 9:30 a.m. at the church. Monsignor John N. Suelzer and Monsignor Edward Hession will officiate, with burial in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Charles Kettman Scholarship fund or St. Charles Hession Parish Center Fund.

This obituary is being republished to correct a reporting error in Tuesday's edition.

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Robert Bradley

GOSHEN — Robert James "Jim" Bradley, 68, of Goshen, died at 8 a.m. Sunday in Grand View Bend Campground, Howe. He had been in failing health three weeks.

He was born Aug. 5, 1929, in LaGrange County to Wellington and Lulu Louise (Smith) Bradley. On Aug. 24, 1973, in Goshen, he married Carol Lee Case. She survives.

Mr. Bradley had lived in Goshen five years, coming from Sturgis, Mich. He was a machinist and a member of Goshen VFW. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving with his wife are the following children, Janet LeMarr and Mary Tyson, both of Goshen, Bonnie Doty and Becky Bradley, both of Mesa, Ariz., Vickie Myers of Syracuse, Peggy Lounsbury of LaGrange, Bob Fair of Bristol and Jerry Fair of LaGrange; three sisters, Margaret Asmus of Canyon City, Colo., Betty Fry of Constantine, Mich., and Ramah Krontz of Burr Oak, Mich.; three brothers, Thomas Bradley and Paul Bradley, both of Sturgis, and Theodore Bradley of Gloucester, Mass.; 22 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Billman.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Ed Arnold officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Katherine Rumsey

ORLAND — Katherine Rumsey, 80, of Orland, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Rumsey had worked at the Dana Weatherhead plant in Angola for 30 years.

She was born March 13, 1917, in LaGrange County to Guy and Bertha (Anderson) Penix.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, in 1991. She also was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Surviving are two daughters, Anita (and husband, Trees) Jackson of Fremont, and Kathy (and husband, William) McClish of Fort Wayne; three sons, Guy (and wife, Susie) Rumsey of Bedford, Gary (and wife, Diana) Rumsey of Orland, and Don (and wife, Diane) Rumsey of Orland; three brothers, Hermit Penix of Fremont, Alger Penix of Orland, and Gale Penix of Chino Valley, Ariz.; a sister, Torance Mikkelson of Chino Valley; and 16 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Homan officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Preferred memorials are to CompreCare.

Cecilia Shoudel

AUBURN — Cecilia Shoudel, 89, died Saturday at 6:18 p.m. in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn, where she had lived for four years.

She retired in 1972 with 30 years of service as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell (now Ameritech). She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and its rosary society.

Miss Shoudel was born Sept. 14, 1907, in Waterloo to the late Mathias C. and Johanna (Klein) Shoudel.

Surviving are one sister, Magdalena C. Dulle of Auburn; one niece, Johanna Fryklind of Arcadia, Fla.; three nephews, Lawrence Shoudel of Waterloo, Ambrose Dulle of Plymouth, and Francis Dulle of Auburn.

One sister, Martha, and three brothers, Father Herman Shoudel, Anthony Shoudel, and Frank Shoudel, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted today at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses.

Wayne Rosselot

LEO — Wayne M. Rosselot, 74, died Friday at noon in his Leo home.

He retired in 1985 as a project engineer for Navistar after 26 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a lifelong resident of Leo.

He was a member of Leo United Methodist Church. He was past master of Leo Lodge 224, F.& A.M., past commander of Jack Brinker American Legion Post 409, board member of the National U.S. LST Association, and skipper and founder of the Indiana chapter of the LST Association.

Mr. Rosselot was born April 15, 1923, in Fort Wayne to the late Louis F. and Leila L. (Horn) Rosselot.

Surviving are his wife, Betty V.; two daughters, Melodie A. Cornelius of Auburn and Sandra L. Carter of Charlotte, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in Leo United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jean Brindel officiating. Burial was in Leo Cemetery, with graveside services by the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to Leo United Methodist Church, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, or Jack Brinker American Legion Post 400.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

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Cassie Tracy

READING, Mich. — Cassie Tracy, 85, of Reading, Mich. died at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tracy was a homemaker and member of the Re-Organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was born Nov. 23, 1911, in Salyersville, Ky., to James Monroe and Laura Belle (Salyers) Fraley.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ford Burch, in 1966, and Milo Tracy, in 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Alda Antrup of Pleasant Lake; three sons, Angus Burch of Ann Arbor, Mich., James Burch of Jackson, Mich., and Halbert Burch of Fremont; two brothers, Warnie Fraley of Concord, Mich., Thomas Fraley of Fremont; a sister, Cleo Hamilton of Roann; a step-daughter, Carol Aaron of Reading; a step-son, Robert Tracy of Andover, Ohio; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and from 10-11 a.m. Friday, one hour prior to funeral services at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be at North Otsego Cemetery, Steuben County.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Jill Ramsey

FORT WAYNE — Jill S. Ramsey, 29, died Monday in her Fort Wayne home.

She was a 1986 graduate of Northrop High School. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne and also lived in Neenah, Wis.

She was born Dec. 11, 1967, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Linda L. Gordon of Kendallville; her father and stepmother, Fred and Rhonda Ramsey of Avilla; one sister, Julie A. Remke of Auburn; one brother, Steven J. Ramsey of Churubusco; and her grandparents, Richard E. and Delores M. Finkhouse of Fort Wayne, Fred Ramsey Sr. of Fort Wayne and Alice M. Ramsey of Riverton, Wyo.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Northrop High School Athletic Department.

Janet Swander

GARRETT — Janet E. Swander, 79, died Wednesday at 5 p.m. in her home on West King Street, Garrett.

She was a homemaker and member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett Eagles, and Auburn Moose.

Mrs. Swander was born July 17, 1917, in Grabill to the late Irven and Mary (Welsh) Sauder.

She married Wilbur E. Swander Jr. on April 2, 1937, in Auburn and he died in 1987.

Surviving are one son, Kim Swander of Garrett; two daughters, Julia Hoot of Rome City and Carole Reynolds of Auburn; one brother, Kenneth Sauder of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Garrett Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Emma Coyer

GARRETT — Emma Coyer, 86, formerly of 1367 S. Randolph St., Garrett, died Wednesday at 3:03 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Coyer worked at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of Little Flossie Church of Jesus Christ Old Regular Baptist Faith & Order, Lisbon.

She was born May 26, 1911, in Dock, Ky., to Samuel Stephens and Rachel Bardley.

On Sept. 13, 1930, she married Gene M. Coyer in Prestonburg, Ky. He passed away June 28, 1984.

Surviving are two sons, James and John, both of Fort Wayne; six daughters, Mary Fugate of Garrett, Billie Tuttle of Garrett, Sharon Frost of Garrett, Sue Rowe of Butler, Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne, and Patricia VanGessel of LaOtto; 36 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Emmagene Coyer; a son, Denver Coyer; two brothers, James Stephens and Hubert Stephens; and a sister, Susie Ousley.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Church of Jesus Christ Old Regular Baptist Faith & Order in Lisbon, with the Rev. Russell Hicks and the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating.

Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett, and at 9 a.m. Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

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Robert Putt

FORT WAYNE — Robert G. Putt, 58, of Fort Wayne, died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Putt retired from the Fort Wayne Police Department in 1982. He was a member of the F.O.P. Lodge 14, Summit City Lodge 170, F. & A.M., American Legion Post 241, Baer Field N.C.O. Club, the Navy Club, Ship No. 48, and Assistant Scout Master, F.O.P Boy Scout Troop.

He was born on June 7, 1938 to Wilbert P. and Glenna Faye (Tucker) Putt. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie, who he married on February 15, 1970; three sons, Larry of Niles, Mich., Robert of Garrett and Wilbert of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Kathy Putt of Fort Wayne; one step-son, Lon Bradfield of Penrose, Colo.; one step-daughter, Leeannla Bradfield of Waterloo; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., and one hour before services in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Avenue in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Isabel Romy

NEW HAVEN — Isabel I. McDaniel Romy, 85, died at 9 p.m. Tuesday at Harborside, New Haven.

She was born April 12, 1912, in Hamilton, to Birt and Audra R. (Allmong) McDaniel. She was the manager of Miami Village, retiring in 1958 after 20 years of service.

She was a past president and board member of the S.P.C.A., a cruelty investigator and a member of the Fort Wayne Humane Commission, a board member of the Mary Koons Foundation Spay-Neuter Program, and a member of Waynedale Chapter 600, Order of the Eastern Star.

On April 9, 1944, she married Bernard J. Romy in Auburn and he preceded her in death in 1983.

She is survived by a son, Richard E. Crosley of New Haven; a sister, Cleta Grandstaff of Auburn; two brothers, Emery L. McDaniel and Howard McDaniel, both of Auburn; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A son, James, preceded her in death in 1932.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Steven Beutler officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Floyd Miller

WAWAKA — Floyd L. Miller, 50, of Wawaka, died at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. He had been in failing health three years.

He was born in Kendallville on June 19, 1946, to Donald and Gertrude (Jaquay) Miller Sr. His father survives in Kendallville. His mother is deceased. On June 20, 1965, in Kendallville, he married Patricia J. Strater. She also survives.

Mr. Miller had moved from Rome City to Wawaka 12 years ago. He had been a welder for Beck Industries in Goshen for 20 years. Mr. Miller was an avid bass tournament fisherman.

Surviving with his wife and father are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Scott and Julie Miller of Albion, and Mark and Wanda Miller of Wolcottville; three brothers, Rex Miller Sr. of Huntertown, Donald Miller Jr. of Kendallville, and Clyde Miller of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Justin, Amanda and Haley.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Nellie Irene Holley**, 86, died Saturday. Services Friday in Winchester, Tenn.

LAGRANGE — **Mary B. Sitter**, 99, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Anna, Ill.

Deaths/Funerals

Dallas Opdycke

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Dallas Opdycke, 57, died Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Bloomington Memorial Hospital, Bloomington, Ind., following a traffic accident. He was a former DeKalb County resident.

He was a Fellow Engineer at Northrop Grumman Electronic Sensors and Systems Division (formerly Westinghouse) near Baltimore, Md., where he had worked since 1969. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Tri-State College in Angola, and a master's degree in engineering mechanics from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo.

He had previously worked at the old McDonnell Aircraft Corp. in St. Louis. He utilized his aircraft design background to become a leader in lightweight structural design and analysis, as well as in vibration analysis for airborne avionics equipment. He also taught an aerospace structures design course at the company's School of Applied Science.

He lived in Annapolis, Md. and was a member of the United Church of Christ in Annapolis, where he was an elder.

Mr. Opdycke was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Auburn to the late Hemen and Helen (Curry) Opdycke.

Surviving him are his wife, Jane; one son, David of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; one daughter, Mary Opdycke of Longwood, Fla.; two stepsons, John and Douglas Bridgeman, both of Annapolis; two stepdaughters, Julie Murphy of Ashburn, Va., and Jane Bridgeman of Annapolis; one sister, Jana Lee Hughes of Roanoke, Ind.; and three stepgrandchildren, Bryan, Kayla and Ryan Murphy.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Funeral Home, with Ray Scribner of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Huntington, officiating.

Memorial donations may be given to the Christian Children's Fund.

Nancy Coppens

SHIPSHEWANA — Nancy Ann Coppens, 59, of Shipshewana, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Community Hospital in Mishawaka.

Born in Constantine, Mich., she had been employed by the St. Joseph County clerk's office for eight years.

Surviving are two brothers, James L. Nelson of Auburn, and Douglas E. Nelson of Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Monday in St. Bavos Catholic Church in Mishawaka. Graveside services will be at 11:15 a.m. Monday in Shore Cemetery.

Visitation is from 6-8 Saturday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Thallemer-Goethals Funeral Home, Mishawaka, where a wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to the Women's Care Center.

Jill Ramsey

FORT WAYNE — Jill S. Ramsey, 29, died Monday in her Neenah, Wis., home.

She was a 1986 graduate of Northrop High School. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne until 1996, when she moved to Neenah.

She was born Dec. 11, 1967, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Linda L. Gordon of Kendallville; her father and stepmother, Fred and Rhonda Ramsey of Avilla; one sister, Julie A. Remke of Auburn; one brother, Steven J. Ramsey of Churubusco; and her grandparents, Richard E. and Dolores M. Finkhouse of Fort Wayne, Fred Ramsey Sr. of Fort Wayne and Alice L. Ramsey of Riverton, Wyo.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Northrop High School Athletic Department.

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Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Leland P. Chiddister,** 74, of Ligonier, died Wednesday. The funeral service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, where visitation will be Monday from 2-8 p.m.

PIQUA, OHIO — **Jerome (Jerry) E. Eyink**, 73, died Friday. A prayer service will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. in Melcher-Sowers Funeral Home of Piqua, calling at Sunday from 5-8 p.m.

LAGRANGE — **Corsie Spangler,** 97, of LaGrange, died Thursday. The funeral service will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the True Church of God in South Milford. Visitation will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Juanita Mack

BUTLER — Juanita K. Mack, 78, died Saturday at 1:10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Mack retired in 1987 from the Butler Rest Home. A Butler resident, she was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio, and served as a 4-H leader for 10 years.

She was born July 22, 1918, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Roy Clark and Leah Kathryn (Mackie) Thomas.

She married Richard J. Mack on Oct. 23, 1935, in Bryan, Ohio, and he died June 24, 1985.

Surviving her are four sons, Franklin Richard of Hamilton, Thomas Alvin and Michael Lee, both of Butler, and Richard Wayne of St. Joe; four daughters, Lois Marie Richey of Leesburg, and Diana Catherine Kounce, Roberta Rose "Bobbi" Crager, and Christina Ann Baughman, all of Butler; one brother, Max Thomas of Litchfield, Mich.; three sisters, Bertha Tustison of Tacoma, Wash., Florence Seitz of New Haven, and Verna Mae Muckel of Colon, Mich.; 31 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Paul in 1964; one brother, Harvey; two sisters, Martha Keyser and Alta Mae Richardson; one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. A rosary service will be conducted today at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or DeKalb Home Health Care.

Bob Hamilton

FREMONT — Robert C. "Bob" Hamilton, 69, of Snow Lake, died Saturday at 5:20 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Hamilton was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the Orland post of the American Legion, and had retired from Iron Workers Local 147.

He was born March 2, 1928, in Detroit to James H. and Maxine M. (Clark) Hamilton.

On Nov. 6, 1948, he married JoAnn Albrecht, who survives at home. Also surviving are a daughter, Patty Hamilton-Beattie of Fremont; five sons, James, Tim and Robert, all of Fremont, Tom of Angola, and Michael of Denton, Texas; two brothers, Richard Hamilton of Marco Island, Fla., and Clark Hamilton of Fremont; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and a brother.

Friends may call from 4-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by the Orland post of the American Legion at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Agnes Wright

KENDALLVILLE — Agnes C. Wright, 87, of Kendallville, died Saturday morning in her residence.

She was born in Berne on June 14, 1909, to Fred and Rozella (Beitler) Mettler. On May 12, 1937, in Berne, she married C. Neil Wright. He preceded her in death Dec. 27, 1990.

Mrs. Wright, a Kendallville resident since moving from Berne in 1934, retired as a registered nurse from McCray Memorial Hospital after 40 years of service. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and its LOA Club, Morning Circle and Morning Bible Study Class, Noble Chapter 122 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Associate Chapter of Sigma Beta Sorority. She had also been a volunteer at McCray Memorial Hospital the past seven years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Jean) Hostler of LaGrange; a sister, Mrs. Harold (Betty) Sprunger of Clearwater, Fla.; five grandchildren, Cheryl Stadtfeld of Kendallville, Mark Kern of Fairland, Andrew Hostler of Goshen, Melissa Weldon of Auburn, and Travis Hostler of Fort Wayne; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Kern, on June 18, 1989; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, or McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

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Bud DeMeritt Jr.

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Harry "Bud" DeMeritt Jr., 53 of Montgomery, died at 11:10 a.m. Saturday in Hillsdale Community Hospital, Hillsdale, Mich.

Mr. DeMeritt, a member of the Gold Wing Association, was a truck driver for DeMeritt Brothers Trucking.

He was born Dec. 10, 1943, in Wyandotte, Mich., to Harry L. and Beulah (Zeigler) DeMeritt Sr.

On Aug. 25, 1990, he married Sharolyn Sperry, who survives at home.

Also surviving are four daughters, Amy Combs of Ashley, Beth Brown of Indianapolis, Jill Smith of Angola, and Kelly DePew of Butler; two sons, Matthew Petre and Harry B.J. DeMeritt of Montgomery; two sisters, Joyce VanHorn of Angola, and Darlene Brewer of Lakeland, Fla.; three brothers, James, Herbert and David DeMeritt of Bronson, Mich.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Jerry, and a foster son, Greg Marcum.

Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will take place at noon Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Diane Stone officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, Gilead Township, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Betty Gaff

HAMILTON — Betty J. Gaff, 60 died Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gaff lived in rural Hamilton and was a member of Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

She was born April 9, 1937, in Columbus, Ohio, to the late Columbus and Meda Adams.

She married Carlos Frederick Gaff on May 22, 1975, in Hamilton, and he survives.

Also surviving are one stepson, Larry Gaff of Hamilton; six stepdaughters, Shirley Fisher of Butler, Ruth Logsdon of Greenfield, Mo., Barbara Rosendaul of Montpelier, Ohio, Bonnie Baugh of Hamilton, Patty Spangler of Frontier, Mich., and Linda Tulley of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Junior Adams of Florida, Ray Adams of Arizona, and Curtis and Christopher Adams, both of Circleville, Ohio; five sisters, Fannie Green of Laurelville, Ohio, Kathryn Shiltz of New Holland, Ohio, Alice Abner of Circleville, Ohio, and Mary Adams and Sara Loves, both of Washington; 32 stepgrandchildren and 26 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Humphrey, one daughter, Linda Sue Humphrey, and one sister, Sara Jane Adams.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. in Oberlin & Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Beulah Wirtz

ANGOLA — Beulah N. Wirtz, 72, of Angola, died Saturday at 2 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Wirtz worked as a waitress at Bob's Economy Truck Stop in Angola for 20 years before retiring in 1972.

She was born June 20, 1924, in Russell County, Ky., to Gamman and Texas (Kennett) Sutton.

Her husband, Francis Wirtz, preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving are five sons, George B. Wirtz and Harold D. Wirtz of Fort Wayne, and Steve Wirtz, Richard Lee Wirtz and Daniel S. Wirtz, all of Angola; two daughters, Linda K. Preston of Greenfield, and Leda F. Delcamp of Churubusco; a half-brother, Phillip Sutton; a sister, Vida Lawrence of Elizabethtown, Ky.; a half-sister, Bonnie Brown; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted at 1 p.m. today at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Agnes C. Wright**, 86, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

ROME CITY — **Carl H. Kleinrichert**, 66, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. No calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Guy Irvin

ANGOLA — Guy H. Irvin, 73, of Angola, died Monday at 4 a.m. in Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Irvin was a self-employed carpenter and built homes in Ohio. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and received a Purple Heart for his actions in the China-India-Burma campaign. He was a member Angola's American Legion Post 31.

He was born May 7, 1924, in Toledo, Ohio, to Luther and Ella (Ervin) Irvin, who preceded him in death.

He is survived three sisters, Lela Strayer of Waterville, Ohio, Ada Dickes of Grand Rapids, Ohio, and Mary Krassow of Bowling Green, Ohio; and a devoted companion, Teresa Krumma of Angola.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ward, Neal, Edgar, Lloyd and Carl Irvin.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 232 of Grand Rapids, Ohio, at noon (Indiana time) Thursday in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Grand Rapids, with the Rev. James Butler officiating.

William Boylan

DEFIANCE, Ohio — William E. Boylan, 35, of Defiance, died Sunday at 1:44 a.m. in Toledo Hospital.

Mr. Boylan had been employed as a factory worker in Indiana and had attended Angola and Ayersville, Ohio, high schools. He was an avid model model train enthusiast and collector.

He was born May 20, 1962, in Defiance to Charles A. and Helen I. (Donovan) Doylan Sr. He was preceded in death by his father.

Surviving are his mother at home in Defiance; a daughter, Michelle Boylan of Fremont; two sisters, Mrs. Jim (Sharon) Wagner of Defiance, and Mrs. Rick (Susan) Hutson of Chesapeake, Va.; and a brother, Charles Boylan of Arlington, Texas.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. tonight (Indiana time) at the Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home with Father George Wenzinger officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Memorial Gardens, Defiance County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Hufnagle

ANGOLA — Robert L. "Buck" Hufnagle, 60, of Angola, died Tuesday at 12:30 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Hufnagle had been employed at L.G. Maxton in Angola for 31 years and at Harold Chevrolet in Angola for seven years.

A military veteran, he was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge 236; the 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne; the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne; the Angola Moose Lodge; the Angola Elks lodge; the Pleasant Township Advisory Board; and the Angola United Methodist Church. He was a past president of Pokagon Shrine Club, Steuben County, and past president of the Angola Rotary Club.

He was born June 10, 1936, in Fremont to Robert R. and Alvesta (Dirrim) Hufnagle, who preceded him in death.

On Sept. 26, 1959, he married Phyllis Parson, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sherri Hufnagle of Elkhart; four brothers, Max, Jim and Lewis Hufnagle, all of Fremont, and Richard Hufnagle of Angola; and three sisters, Janet Beck of Angola, Martha Blotter of Fremont, and Marsha Patterson of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Hufnagle, on July 31, 1977; and a sister, Bonnie Pentico.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A Masonic service by Angola Masonic Lodge 236 will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola United Church of Christ Restoration Fund and Cameron Hospice.

Gerhard Brouer

LAGRANGE — Gerhard Nicolaas "Dutch" Brouer, 65, of Big Turkey Lake in LaGrange County, died Tuesday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange.

He was born May 31, 1932, in Uelzen, Germany, to Fritz and Anneliese (Elster) Brouer. On Feb. 11, 1955, in Berne, he married Ruby E. Stucky, who survives.

Mr. Brouer, a retired carpenter from Uniroyal-Goodrich in Woodburn, moved from Fort Wayne to Big Turkey Lake 20 years ago. He attended Helmer United Methodist Church in Helmer.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Scott (Barb) Perry of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, and Mrs. Randall (Linda) Shuff of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Nicholaas L. and Amy J. Brouer of Big Turkey Lake; a brother, Peter Brouer of Munich, Germany; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Antje VanMark.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Helmer United Methodist Church, Helmer, with the Rev. Steven J. Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to Helmer United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 243, South Milford 46786.

Martha Longardner

CHURUBUSCO — Martha A. Longardner, 70, of Churubusco, died at 9:32 p.m. Monday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient the past two weeks.

She was born Dec. 7, 1926, in Huntertown to Willard J. and Clara Martin Foote.

Mrs. Longardner had lived most of her life in the Churubusco area, living for a brief time in Fort Wayne. She had been employed several years at Essex Group Inc. (now United Technologies Automotive) in Columbia City, retiring from there eight years ago. She attended Churubusco United Methodist Church..

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Cheryl) Kline of Angola, and Mrs. Don (Rose) Greve of Churubusco; three sons, Gerald Longardner Jr. of Avilla, and Joe Longardner and Pierre Longardner, both of Churubusco; a brother, David W. Foote of Churubusco; two sisters, Mrs. Loren (Phyllis) Weaver of Royal Oak, Mich., and Jackie Brown of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry Paul Longardner and John Phillip Longardner; and four brothers, Joseph Foote, Richard Foote, Charles Foote and Alton Foote.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dennis A. Shock officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

The Evening Star, Thurs., June 5, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

COLUMBIA CITY — **Roger B. Boyer**, 86, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Columbia City Church of the Nazarene. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

SYRACUSE — **Floyd Miller Jr.**, 76, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Tad Morris

FREMONT — Tad Merle Morris, 16, of Fremont, died Tuesday at 10:15 p.m. in an automobile accident near Fremont.

He was a freshman at Fremont High School, where he participated in football and wrestling. He also was a member of the Steuben County Wrestling Club and the New Life Worship Center.

He was born Feb. 6, 1981, in Fort Wayne to Randy J. and Rhonda L. (Chester) Morris, who survive at home.

Also surviving are two brothers, Ty and Toby Morris, both of Fremont; his grandparents, Charles and JoAnn Shultz of Washingtonville, Ohio, John Morris of Beloit, Ohio, and Donald and Donna Chester of Fort Wayne; his great-grandmothers, Melda Fett of Fort Wayne, and Addie Morris of Beloit; and a companion, Tonya Roddy of Fremont.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert Simms officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Morris family or the Steuben County Wrestling Club.

Lillie Grabill

FREMONT — Lillie M. Grabill, 57, died Wednesday at 8:03 p.m. in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and worked at Holiday Inn in Angola for seven years. She lived in Fremont and was a member of Lakeview Community Church, Hamilton.

Mrs. Grabill was born Sept. 5, 1939, in Chesapeake, Ohio, to Clifford and Virginia Riley. Her mother survives in Chesapeake and her father is deceased.

Her first husband, Walter E. Kipp, died Sept. 10,1966. She married Paul D. Grabill on July 13, 1976, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janie Brown of Angola and Rosalie Wrinkle of Edgerton, Ohio; two stepsons, Paul Grabill Jr. of Angola and Derrick Grabill of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Patricia Bradley of Jackson, Ohio, and Lucille Ferris and Jean Strickler, both of Chesapeake, Ohio; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Lakeview Community Church, with Pastor William G. Graafsma Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Liver Foundation.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mossie Rosenberry

BUTLER — Mossie Lee Rosenberry, 76, died Friday at 6:28 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Rosenberry was a homemaker and lived in the Butler area 57 years.

She was born Dec. 9, 1920, in Van Cleave, Ky., to the late John and Maggie (Haddix) Collins.

She married Clyde F. Rosenberry on Sept. 20, 1947, in Kendallville, and he died Feb. 1, 1986.

Surviving is one son, Richard of Butler.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Rosenberry; her twin brother, Thomas; and two sisters, Lula Banks and Susie Young.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Steven P. Horner, pastor of Zion United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Farnham Cemetery in Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Linda E. Thompson**, 91, of LaGrange, died Friday in LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Funeral services at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Graveside services at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

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Deaths/Funerals

Paul Fesler

WATERLOO — Paul W. Fesler, 75, died Saturday at 10 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Fesler was a draftsman for Magnavox Co. for 15 years, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and lived on Meadow Lane in Waterloo. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans of Fort Wayne.

He was born July 26, 1921, in Indianapolis to the late Bert and Anna Fesler.

He married Marjorie Cherry on Oct. 25, 1975, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert P. of Durham, N.C.; one daughter, Debra Sunior of Hastings, Mich.; one stepson, Michael Havlin of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one stepdaughter, Pamela Jo Havlin of Ball Lake; one brother, Bert of Indianapolis; one sister, Marion Ottinger of Franklin; and four grandchildren, Mike and Brenda Fesler, and Angela and Amanda Sunior.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Marie Hughes

AUBURN — Marie A. Hughes, 84, died Sunday at 5:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Hughes was a secretary at Stanadyne Co. in Garrett for 11 years, from 1965 to 1976, and was a secretary at Auburn High School for five years, 1960 to 1965. She was a member of Kenwigs Literary Club, Tri Kappa Sorority, Garrett Eastern Star and Auburn Presbyterian Church, and was a life member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

She was born Aug. 8, 1912, in Auburn to the late Don and Hazel (Ensley) Sprott.

She married Robert Hughes on July 8, 1935, and he survives.

Also surviving is one brother, Joe Sprott of Arkansas. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ron and Tom Sprott.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Robert Jones

GARRETT — Robert L. Jones, 66, died today about 9 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Jones was a retired truck driver and lived on East Houston Street, Garrett. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Oct. 14, 1930, in Assumption, Ill., to the late Melvin and Verna (Munson) Jones.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane Jones; four sons, Michael and Gary, both of Garrett, Greg of Hamilton and Jeff of Auburn; one daughter, Rita Ternet of Garrett; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, William and David; one daughter, Kathy Parker; and four brothers, Otis, Carl, Homer and Donnie.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. There is no calling.

Hearsel Shockley

ST. JOE — Hearsel S. "Bud" Shockley, 72, died Saturday at 4:42 a.m. in Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Mr. Shockley retired in 1982 from International Harvester, Fort Wayne, with 38 years of service. He retired in 1990 from Vulcraft and Nucor Fastener in St. Joe with seven years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and lived on West Washington Street in St. Joe. He was a member and elder of St. Joe Church of Christ, and a member of St. Joe-Spencerville Lions Club and the Auburn post of the American Legion.

He was born March 21, 1925, in Muncie to the late Hearsel Clarence and Kathryn (Conwell) Shockley.

He married Lois Jean Hurni on April 24, 1948, in the St. Joe Church of Christ, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Doug of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Matt of Fishers; two daughters, Nanette Dougan of Fort Wayne and Nile Fuller of St. Joe; one brother, Bob of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Connor of Blountsville; and nine grandchildren.

Two sisters, Louise Zimmerman and Betty Rediger, and one brother, Roland, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Matt Higle will officiate, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Paul Weber

AUBURN — Paul L. Weber, 66, died Friday at Extendacare Health Facility in Columbia City.

He was retired from his work as a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways and lived in Auburn. He served in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Darstein of Columbia City and Rose Saylor of Harrogate, Tenn.; four sons, Kevin of Roscoe, Ill., Steve of Machesney Park, Ill., Ron of Mishawaka, and Gary of Syracuse; one sister, Margreta Graves of Auburn; one brother, Wilbur of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Woodrow L. Brandenburg

FORT WAYNE — Woodrow L. Brandenburg, 76, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brandenburg retired in 1974 after 32 years with International Harvester. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Mary of Hudson; a daughter, Shirley Brandenburg of Fort Wayne; four sons, Richard Brandenburg of Fort Wayne, Darrell Brandenburg of Hudson, Donald Brandenburg of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Ron Brandenburg of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two brothers, Laverne Brandenburg of New Albany, and Nova Brandenburg of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Grace Brethren Church, 8631 U.S. 27 S. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road and one hour before services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Eugene M. Bowers**, 54, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Mount Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange. Calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Helen Beck

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Helen L. Beck, 79, died Monday at 7:45 p.m. (Indiana time) in her Montpelier, Ohio, home, following a serious illness of three months.

She was retired from her position as an inspector for Beam-Stream of Montpelier, where she had worked for several years. She was a member of the Montpelier Fire Department Auxiliary and Montpelier Church of Christ. She had lived in Montpelier since 1941.

Mrs. Beck was born Dec. 31, 1917, in Auburn to the late Edna Viola (Johnson) and Charles Franklin Haifley.

She married Clarence B. Beck on April 1, 1941, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mitzi Kay Morton of Auburn and Lela May Furrow of West Unity, Ohio; two sons, Byron N. of Edon, Ohio and Spencer D. of Montpelier; one sister, Violet Surfus of Auburn; 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one step-granddaughter.

One son, Basil Krathwohl, preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1988.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Wilson-Geesy Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with Minister Ernest Barrett officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Williams County.

Ralph Lasher

DETROIT — Ralph W. Lasher, 88, of Detroit, died Wednesday in Detroit.

Mr. Lasher was a former Steuben County resident.

He was born Feb. 8, 1909, in Pleasant Township, Steuben County, to Ora and Florence (Campbell) Lasher.

On June 24, 1933, he married Amelia Surman, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Florence Joan Martindale of Detroit; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at Metz, on Saturday.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Nancy Zollinger

FREMONT — Nancy Lou Zollinger, 64, died Monday at her home in Fremont. She also was a resident of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zollinger was a homemaker and a member of the Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Fremont.

She was born Dec. 11, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Irene (Wagner) Schoppman.

On April 21, 1951, she married Paul Zollinger, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Pamela Wright of Fort Wayne; five sons, Michael, Rod, Wayne Douglas, Paul Jr., and Don Mark Zollinger, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Paul Schoppman Jr. of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday in Concordia Cemetery and Mausoleums, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Ronald E. Rauhut officiating. Burial will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to Cancer Services of Allen County, the American Cancer Society and Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

Cecil Rose

KENDALLVILLE — Cecil C. Rose, 61, of Kendallville, died at 7 p.m. Monday in his residence. He had been ill one year.

He was born Feb. 9, 1936, in Westwood to Homer C. and Edna (Stone) Rose. On May 3, 1968, in Greenfield he married Harriet Koon-Baird. She survives.

Mr. Rose was a U.S. Army veteran and retired in 1993 from Tholeif-Larsen Construction. He was a member of Local 213.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Patti Trammel of Auburn, Leslie Ackerman of Bunker Hill and Lisa Rose and Elizabeth Bromby, both of Albion; five sons, Marion "Mike" Baird of Kendallville, Duane Boyles of Jimmerson Lake, and Doug Boyles and Randy Boyles, both of Iowa, and Todd Boyles of Auburn; three sisters, Elizabeth Martin of New Castle, Madine Swanson of Royal Oak, Mich., and Deanna Griffin of Greenfield; four brothers, Farris Rose of Van Horn, Texas, Lawrence Rose of Pensicola, Fla., Art Rose of Laporte and Phil "Buddy" Rose of Belleville, Mich.; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Leonard Koon officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Devota Bolen

SHIPSHEWANA — Devota I. Bolen, 56, Shipshewana, died Monday in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

She was born June 11, 1940, in Albion to Carl and Lottie Mae (Budd) King.

Mrs. Bolen moved to Shipshewana in 1973 from Kendallville. She was a retired supervisor at Syndicate Store Fixtures in Middlebury.

Surviving are a daughter, Debra Pelletier of Shipshewana; a son, Randy Bolen of Angola; seven sisters, Hilda Lensky of Coldwater, Mich., Edith Maddex of Grabill, Delores Rusk of San Antonio, Texas, Irene Roy of Merrillville, Ardith Keister of Wolcottville, and Dianne Matthews and Nancy Blaskie, both of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Dalles King of Albion, Glenn King of Avilla, Lowell King of Auburn, and Harold King of Kendallville; and seven grandchildren.

A brother, Elden King, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude's Hospital.

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Catherine Patterson

ANGOLA — Catherine N. Patterson, 89, died Monday at 7:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and member of the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church. She lived on East Broad Street in Angola and formerly had lived in Corunna.

Mrs. Patterson was born Nov. 1, 1907, in Orland to the late Benjamin and Bertha (Dyer) Fair.

She married William Eugene Patterson Sr. on July 19, 1930, and he died June 5, 1991.

Surviving are four sons, William E. Jr. and David D., both of Angola, Patrick of Columbia City, and Philip of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Patricia Myers of Elkhart; two brothers, Dwight Fair of Three Rivers, Mich., and Robert Fair of Elkhart; two sisters, Choice Closson of Middlebury and Jeannette Wrightson of Elkhart; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Jason Hollopeter officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Cecil Rose

KENDALLVILLE — Cecil C. Rose, 61, of Kendallville, died at 7 p.m. Monday in his residence. He had been ill one year.

He was born Feb. 9, 1936, in Westwood to Homer C. and Edna (Stone) Rose. On May 31, 1968, in Greenfield he married Harriet Koon-Baird. She survives.

Mr. Rose was a U.S. Army veteran and retired in 1993 from Tholeif-Larsen Construction. He was a member of Local 213.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Patti Trammel of Auburn, Leslie Ackerman of Bunker Hill and Lisa Rose and Elizabeth Brombly, both of Albion; five sons, Marion "Mike" Baird of Kendallville, Duane Boyles of Jimmerson Lake, and Doug Boyles and Randy Boyles, both of Iowa, and Todd Boyles of Auburn; three sisters, Elizabeth Martin of New Castle, Nadine Swanson of Royal Oak, Mich., and Deanna Griffin of Greenfield; four brothers, Farris Rose of Van Horn, Texas, Lawrence Rose of Pensicola, Fla., Art Rose of Laporte and Phil "Buddy" Rose of Belleville, Mich.; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Leonard Koon officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Tishie M. Bender**, 22, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Cosperville Baptist Church, Cosperville. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

SYRACUSE — **Lois R. Schoeff**, 78, died Tuesday. No services or calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

David Dobey

FREMONT — David W. Dobey, 39, of Fremont, died Tuesday at 5:17 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Dobey most recently had worked at Mid-America Sign Corp., Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 21, 1958, in Huntington to Lawrence and Mary (Lock) Dobey. His father preceded him in death in 1993, and his mother survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two brothers, Durand Dobey and Thomas Dobey, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Sheri Dobey of Hamilton.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Services will begin at 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Cremation will take place Saturday at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Roscoe F. Hyndman**, 94, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. John's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Harold W. Grabner**, 76, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Blue River Church of the Brethren. Calling 1:30-8:30 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Virginia Myers

AUBURN — Virginia Roeinie Myers, 82, died today at 6:25 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Myers was a former resident of North Division Street, Auburn, and was a member of the County Line Church of God. She was a retired employee of Lincoln National Bank, Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 11, 1914, in Allen County to Clarence and Minnie (Schultz) Myers, who are deceased.

She married Frank Myers in Fort Wayne in 1936 and he preceded her in death in 1979.

She is survived by a son, Larry Myers of Angola; a sister, Loretta Myers of Auburn; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Donald F. and Roy Eugene Myers, a brother, Donald Myers, and a sister, Lois Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Robert Herman, associate pastor of the County Line Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home or one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to DeKalb County Youth For Christ or the County Line Church of God.

Jane Jones

ASHLEY — Memorial services for Jane W. Jones, 100, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Salem Center Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial was held earlier in Block Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones, a resident of the Peabody Home in North Manchester, died May 26. She was formerly of Ashley. She was the widow of the Rev. John E. Jones.

Preferred memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church or Peabody Home.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

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Angela Kinney

GARRETT — Angela M. Kinney, 90, of South Johnson Street, Garrett, died Thursday at 9:17 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Kinney was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Harvest House.

She was born Sept. 17, 1906 in Garrett to John and Antonia Johnson, who are deceased.

On Nov. 23, 1926, she married Leo F. Kinney in Garrett. He died Aug. 12, 1990.

She is survived by two sons, Edward Kinney of Bryan, Ohio, and Larry Kinney of Garrett; a daughter, Carol Ann Schoenhals of Cape Coral, Fla.; a brother, Andrew Johnson of Chicago; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Tom Seidel officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church. A rosary service will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett. Memorial donations may be directed to Masses at the church.

Vivian McAuley

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. — Vivian Anne (Beebe) McAuley, 64, died June 4 at Havasu Regional Hospital.

She had lived in Lake Havasu City since 1977.

She was a former Fremont resident, attended Fremont High School and graduated from Coldwater (Mich.) High School.

Mrs. McAuley, who was blind, made all of her own designs in macrame and became know as "the blind artist" in Lake Havasu City.

She was born Dec. 20, 1932, to Franklin O. and G. Pauline (Gould) Beebe. Her father preceded her in death.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Pauline and Raymond Tubbs of Fremont; two children, William Harold Fifield of Ashley and Patricia Lynne Adamson of Flint, Mich.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two husbands, Franklin Lockheart and Edward McAuley; her brother, Franklin D. Beebe of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; and her grandparents, Rennie A. and Glendora Gould of Fremont, and Burt and Emma Jean Beebe of Angola.

She will be buried in the Tubbs family plot at the Sunset Cemetery in Jonesville, Mich., at a later date.

Calista Brandt

NAPLES, Fla. — Calista Creel Brandt, 75, died Jan. 7 in Naples, Fla. She attended schools in Angola and graduated with honors from Purdue University with a degree in home economics.

She was born July 21, 1921, to Dr. and Mrs. Donald Creel of Angola, and she was married for 53 to Charles E. Brandt, who survives in Naples.

She was a member of the Irvington Methodist Church in Indianapolis and the East Naples Methodist Church in Naples, Fla.; the Mayflower Society of Naples, Fla.; the Indiana Pioneers of Indiana; the Purdue Club of Southwest Florida; Naples Panhellanic Club; Pi Beta Phi Sorority; the Daughters of American Revolution; the Naples Quilting Club; and the Royal Palm Country Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Sarah Lynne Borse and Joyce Ann Freeman of Indianapolis; a son, Charles C. Brandt of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; a sister, Phyllis Jeffery of Naples; a sister-in-law, Louise Moffett of Naples, Fla.; and a half-sister, Kay Hosler of Simsonville, S.C.

Funeral services took place Jan. 12 in Indianapolis with burial at Washington Park Cemetery East.

Deaths/Funerals

David Garrison

GARRETT — David L. Garrison, 60, died Saturday at 11 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Garrison was a senior electrician at Slater Steel Mill for 32 years, retiring in 1994. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, American Legion, Elks and the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a 32nd-degree member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He was born Sept. 29, 1936, in Astabula, Ohio, to the late Carl and Irene (Wallace) Garrison.

His first wife, Jean Garrison, preceded him in death. He married Martha Best Rowe on March 26, 1994, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald of Virginia Beach, Va., and Douglas of Tucson, Ariz.; three stepdaughters, Deb Norden of Kendallville, Patty Rowe of Garrett, and Marilyn Dennes of Zanesville; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Mike Winn of Living Waters Community Church will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indiana School for the Deaf.

Judy Montel

GARRETT — Judy K. Montel, 55, died Friday at 5:51 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Montel was an assembler at Tokheim in Albion for 12 years and lived on North Randolph Street in Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 7, 1941, in DeFord, Mich., to Donald C. and Edwina P. (Thane) Clark. Her father survives in Maysville, Mich., and her mother is deceased.

She married Edward F. Montel on Jan. 9, 1965, in Adamsville, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are three stepsons, Jonathan of Osceola, Mark of Springfield, Va., and Joe E. of Edwardsburg, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Diana J. Pearson of Edwardsburg and Susan K. Bradford of Mishawaka; four brothers, Dale Clark of Saginaw, Mich., John Clark of Lakewood, Colo., Lee Clark of New Hudson, Mich., and Ron Clark of North Glen, Colo.; and four sisters, Blanche Hiller of Maysville, Gladys Taylor of Vassar, Mich., Linda Grammon of Chicago and Vickie Montel of Osceola.

Friends may call Tuesday From 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor John P. Jones of the Bread of Life Worship Center, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Earl Ott

ALBION — Earl S. Ott, 89, of near Burr Oak, died at 5 a.m. Sunday at his residence.

He was born July 12, 1907, in Noble County, the son of Jesse and Ressie (Lock) Ott. On June 23, 1934, in Burr Oak, he married Luella Kiester. She preceded him in death in 1984.

Mr. Ott, a resident of Noble County most of his life, was a retired accountant for Dana Corp. in Auburn. He was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and Gideons International.

Surviving are three sons, Dennis Ott of Albion, Edgar Ott of Micanopy, Fla., and Gene Ott of Franklin, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Greg Ott, Rhonda Banner, Phillip Ott, Mark Ott, John Ott, Carmel Newsom, Alice Marker and Brian Ott; three great-grandchildren, Randy Newsom, Tiffany Banner and Victoria Banner; and a sister, Florence Wade of Churubusco.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Burr Oak Baptist Church, Burr Oak, with the Rev. Mark Wood officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Burr Oak Baptist Church or Gideons International.

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Henry Mills

CHURUBUSCO — Henry K. Mills, 71, of Holiday Park in Churubusco, died Sunday at 6:20 a.m. in Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, where he had been a patient the past three weeks. He had been in failing health for some time.

He was born in Huntington County on Oct. 30, 1925, to Henry and Lois Merle (Smith) Mills. On April 2, 1974, in Las Vegas, Nev., he married Glenys R. Rowe. She survives.

Mr. Mills had lived in Indianapolis as a youth and then in Brazil. He served in the European Theater with the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded four Bronze Stars. He spent most of his adult life in the Fort Wayne area and was employed by the Fort Wayne City Utilities for 18 years and as a car salesman 21 years, retiring from Bell Auto Sales in Fort Wayne in 1992. He had resided in the Churubusco area since 1976. He was a member of Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157, Churubusco, and Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. David (Vicki) Watts of Pleasant Lake and Tamra Gibbs of New York City; two sons, Barry L. Mills of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Brent L. Mills of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mrs. Earl (Lois) Johnson and Mrs. Ray (Ruth) Hout, both of Fort Wayne, and Marjorie Goodrich of Orlando, Fla.; two brothers, Richard Mills of Monroeville, and Byron Mills of Tucson, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Deloris Palmer and Marie Hingerton.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside rites by Churubusco American Legion and VFW Posts.

Preferred memorials are to Lions Club eye research.

Martin Wahl

FORT WAYNE — Martin G. Wahl, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at 2 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital,

Mr. Wahl had worked at Zollner Corp. for 32 years before retiring in 1976.

He was born Dec. 29, 1913, in Duluth, Minn., to George and Sarah (Mallon) Wahl.

On Dec. 6, 1954, he married Mildred J. Clinesmith, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Copeland of Fort Wayne and Eugenia Bishop of New Haven; a sister, Selma Brooks of Miami; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Allen Thames officiating. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Henry K. Mills**, 71, of Churubusco, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **Lola V. Gilbert**, 77, of Clearwater, Fla., Saturday. No services or calling.

LIGONIER — **Norma D. Staggs**, 59, of Cromwell, died at 2 a.m. Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Marion Ritchie Sr.**, 61, of Wolcottville, died at 12:125 p.m. Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Community Baptist Church, South Milford, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Rev. Vern Noll

ASHLEY — The Rev. Vern M. Noll, 79, died Monday at 7:55 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired self-employed contractor and a retired minister. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn.

The Rev. Noll was born July 11, 1917, in Steuben County to the late Samuel and Ida (Allen) Noll.

He married Janice McGrew on June 9, 1973, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Carolyn Noll of Ashley; one stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Pam and Don Uetrecht of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Don and Dawson, both of Hudson; one sister, Bessie Boyer of Angola; three grandchildren, Kim Young, Kirk Noll and Kellie Moore; four stepgrandchildren, Jon, Jeff, Matt and Rob Uetrecht; and two great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and one great-granddaughter preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in Indian Village Church of God, with calling after 1 p.m. Officiating will be the Rev. Paul Burrus, the Rev. Donald Dennison, and the Rev. Dale Williams. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, at Golden Lake in Steuben County.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Donna Raney

BUTLER — Donna R. Raney, 91, died Friday at 5:38 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Raney was a homemaker and lifelong Butler resident. She was a 70-year member of Forest Chapter 44 of the Order of Eastern Star, Butler.

She was born Oct. 13, 1905, in Butler to the late John A. and Roxie A. (Sharp) Daniels.

She married Jesse P. Raney on Aug. 16, 1924, in Butler, and he died April 15, 1970.

Surviving her are one son, John P. of Oak Hill, W.Va.; two daughters, Virginia Teutsch of Butler and Madelon Lankford of Bethlehem, Pa.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Monday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Esther McKibben

READING, Mich. — Esther Mae McKibben, 101, of Reading, died Monday at 8:05 a.m. in Coldwater (Mich.) Community Hospital.

Mrs. McKibben had worked as a cook at Tri-State University in Angola.

She was born Oct. 25, 1895, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Joseph and Rebecca (Purdue) Hassett.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Baxter (Violet) Rice of Garrett, and Mrs. Dean (Gloria) Berlien Pridgeon of Montgomery, Mich.; a son, Arna (and wife, Violet) Fensermaker of Fremont; three stepsons, Howard (and wife, Lillian) McKibben of Cloverdale, Ohio, Donald (and wife, Jean) McKibben of Continental, Ohio, and Ronald (and wife, Marlene) McKibben of Continental; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and 18 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Sherman Fenstermaker, in 1960, and her second husband, Harvey McKibben in 1979.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations to the Shriner's Hospital are preferred.

Wava Oberst

FREMONT — Wava Oberst, 88, of Fremont, died Sunday at 4:15 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Oberst, a homemaker, was member of the Pokagon chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was born Sept. 1, 1908, in Fremont Township, Steuben County, to Jay B. and Addie (Smith) Huss.

She was married to Keith Oberst, who preceded her in death in 1985.

Surviving are two sons, John Oberst of Fremont and Daniel Oberst of Rochester Hills, Mich.; two grandchildren, Lawrence and Dealia Oberst of Rochester Hills; and a brother, Herschel Huss of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Huss.

Friends may call today from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Doenges officiating. Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery, Clear Lake Township, Steuben County.

Eloise Larimer

ORLAND — Eloise R. Larimer, 82, of Orland, died at 11:50 p.m. Sunday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was born Oct. 16, 1914, in Orland, to Wert and Mabel (Wilber) Paxson. She married Hildon Larimer who preceded her in death in 1979.

Mrs. Larimer was a reading aid at Orland School.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Mary Jo) Rheinheimer of LaGrange; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Jane Straw.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Robert Homan officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Visitation is from 4-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

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Charles Householder

ALBION — Charles F. Householder, longtime executive director of Foundations Inc. (formerly the Noble County Training Center), died at 11 a.m. Monday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Householder, who battled cancer the past three months, was 48.

He had worked for Foundations (a sheltered workshop serving adults in Noble County with developmental disabilities) since its inception in 1970. He was the agency's chief executive officer since 1985.

A Fort Wayne resident the last 12 years, Mr. Householder also taught computer science at Indiana Wesleyan University at Fort Wayne the last three years.

He served for many years as a director of the Indiana Special Olympics. And he started the Special Olympics program in Noble County more than 20 years ago.

From 1973 to 1986 he was executive director of the United Way of Noble County, and was an active United Way volunteer for many years.

For 25 years he had served as organist at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. He also taught Sunday school at the church for a number of years.

Mr. Householder was born Nov. 21, 1948, in Garrett, the son of Howard and Doris (Fulk) Householder. His father died on April 25, 1989. His mother survives in Albion.

Also surviving are four brothers, Clifford Householder, Dennis Householder, Michael Householder, and Rex Householder, all of Albion; and a sister, Joan Householder of Albion. Additional survivors include 12 nieces and nephews: Amy, Jim, Kim, Latasha, Kristen, Tiffany and Jerra Householder, Melisa, Kailin, and Bethany Belleville; and Adam and Amy Miller.

A brother, Craig Allen Householder, preceded him in death in 1955.

Funeral services will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, at 10 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, north of Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Association for Retarded Citizens or to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Paul J. Saffian**, 74, died Saturday. Memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

ROME CITY — **Dakota Ryan Harrington** was stillborn Saturday. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. today in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Allan B. Lipitt**, 56, died Friday. Private services Wednesday in the Alma Lipitt resident. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Richard R. Moffitt**, 31, died Monday. Services at 7 p.m. today in Smith and Son Funeral Home. Columbia City, with calling there 3-7 p.m. today.

Naomi Kern

KENDALLVILLE — Naomi L. Kern, 94, of Kendallville, died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center, Kendallville. She had been in failing health six months.

She was born in Arcadia, Ohio, on May 7, 1903, to John F. and Eva (Perrine) Loucks. On Dec. 22, 1921, she married Herman L. Kern. He preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 1962.

Mrs. Kern, a homemaker, was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, and its ladies aid and had been a Sunday school teacher for more than 20 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Donna) Criswell of Stroh, and Mrs. Donald (Wilma) Voelker of New Haven; a sister, Ruth Rauh of Burr Oak, Mich.; a brother, Arthur Loucks of Hudson; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, West Fairfield, Corunna.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour before the services in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church building fund or Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.

Deaths/Funerals

Joe Hochderffer

ANGOLA — Joe G. Hochderffer, 71, of Indianapolis, died Tuesday at 3:20 a.m. in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mr. Hochderffer served as president of Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola from 1979 to 1993. Prior to that, he was the assistant administrator of Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the Marine Corps.

Hochderffer

He was born April 9, 1926, in Tonkawa, Okla., to Joseph H. and Edna (Smith) Hochderffer.

On Aug. 31, 1962, he married Jean (Byrd) Hochderffer, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Kris of Austin, Texas, and Joseph S. of Indianapolis; a sister, Marilu Casford of Galveston, Texas; and a granddaughter, Lauren Lee Hochderffer.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Private graveside services will take place Friday in Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange County, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Jerry Snyder

LEO — Jerry L. Snyder, 54, died Tuesday at 6:03 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snyder worked at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn for 34 years and lived in Leo. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville, and was on the Cedar Canyons Fire Department for more than 25 years.

He was born Sept. 7, 1942, in Auburn to Warren and Beatrice (McLeery) Snyder. His mother survives in Butler and his father is deceased.

He married Sharon Timmerman on May 28, 1962, in Spencerville and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Brent of Warrensburg, Mo.; one daughter, Susan Miller of Arlington, Wash.; two brothers, Lance of Butler and Michael of Garrett; one sister, Linda Evanoff of Butler; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Christopher Snyder.

Two brothers, Keith and Roger, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville, with calling after 10 a.m. at the church. The Rev. Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cedar Canyon Fire Department, the church or the American Heart Association.

Ruth Bishop

GARRETT — Ruth Irene (Ackerman) Bishop, 73, died Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She retired in 1984 with 12 1/2 years of service as a nurse's aide at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She lived most of her life in Garrett.

Mrs. Bishop was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer and active in the Garrett Christmas Bureau. She was a 1942 graduate of Waterloo High School.

She was born Dec. 10, 1923, in Brimfield to the late Carl and Hattie (Hofferman) Ackerman.

She married Earl Bishop on Feb. 14, 1946, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Scott A. of Garrett; one brother, Dale Ackerman of Hamilton; two sisters, Ethel Kandel of Auburn and Rosie Peachy of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Scott and Amanda Bishop; and one great-grandson, Andrew Bishop.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Thursday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of the Resurrection will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thomas Seidel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Deaths/Funerals

Norbert Schulthess

GARRETT — Norbert D. Schulthess, 67, died Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Schulthess was a field surveyor in the DeKalb County surveyor's office and also was a farmer. He was a lifelong resident of County Road 7, Garrett. He served in the Air National Guard in Fort Wayne in the early 1950s and was a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born Aug. 30, 1929, in Garrett to the late Albert and Nola (Bonnett) Schulthess.

Surviving him are one brother, Don of Howe; one sister, Ruth Tarlton of Kendallville; and one sister-in-law, Marie Schulthess of Auburn.

One brother, Earl, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Ralph Diehl of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Norbert Holloway

FREMONT — Norbert S. Holloway, 76, of Fremont, died Tuesday at 8:25 p.m. at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holloway was employed by Tokheim Corp. for 40 years, and had last served as plant manager at the Tokheim Corp. in Fremont. He was a member of the Tokheim Retirement Club and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II,

He was born June 5, 1921, in Chicago to Sherman and Mabel (Strous) Holloway. His mother preceded him in death, and his father survives in San Jose, Calif.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Holloway of Fremont; a daughter, Carol Bryan of Angola; two sisters, La Verne Rice of Bellingham, Wash., and Marilyn Neufeld of San Jose; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Jane (Viland) Holloway, on Oct. 14, 1991; a son, Gary Holloway, on March 16, 1984; and a brother, Jack Holloway.

Friends may call at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Brook Marie Lash**, 12 days old, died at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis. Services at 3 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 1-3 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Mabel Stevenson

ANGOLA — Mabel L. Stevenson, 84, died Thursday at 12:56 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stevenson was a 75-year member of the Angola Christian Church, a graduate of Angola High School and a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 24, 1913, in Metz, to Elmo and Margaret (Berchfield) Powers.

On Feb. 24, 1933, in Angola, she married Charles Stevenson, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Larry, David and Michael, all of Angola; a brother, Harold Powers of Angola; a sister, Kietha Pence of Saginaw, Mich.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Laura Smith, Velma Houck and Georgia Dayhuff; and two brothers, Rolland Powers and Claude Powers.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. James Saunders officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, York Township, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lake James Christian Assembly.

Wilbur Shumaker

KENDALLVILLE — Wilbur D. "Bones" Shumaker, 74, of Kendallville, died at 12:45 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville. He had been ill three years.

He was born in Steuben County on Feb. 4, 1923, to Marlton and Daisy (Tritch) Shumaker. On Aug. 24, 1947, he married Evelyn Gehring. She survives.

Mr. Shumaker, a World War II veteran, was the retired manager for an auto parts store. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 86, both of Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Donna) Winebrenner of Albion, and Mrs. Tom (Karla) Kline of Kendallville; three sisters, Jean Reinoehl of Ashley, Beverly Blood of Warsaw, and Velma Farrington of Waterloo; one brother, Heber Shumaker of Angola; three grandchildren, Tony Winebrenner of Albion, and Arin Kline and Jason Kline, both of Kendallville; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by tree brothers, Robert, John and Ned Shumaker and a granddaughter, Amy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Compre Care Home Health or St. John Lutheran Church building fund.

Mary Jane Vendrely

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Jane Vendrely, 81, of Kendallville, died at 10:05 p.m. Thursday in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born in LaOtto, Oct. 16, 1915, to Conrad and Josephine (Gorrell) Beltz. On May 4, 1935, in Auburn, she married Wallace D. Vendrely. He survives.

Mrs. Vendrely was payroll manager for California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, Calif. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, a life member of Community Leader Club of California Lutheran University, and Swanettes Extension Homemakers' Club.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Max (Carma) Christ, Camarillo, Calif.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Judy Vendrely of Silver City, N.M., Larry and Suzanne Vendrely of Albuquerque, N.M., and Richard and Sharon Vendrely of Talbott, Tenn.; three sisters, Martha Horn of Fort Wayne, Juanita Hart of Kendallville, and Margaret Persons of Kendallville; two brothers, Donald Beltz of Kendallville, and Robert Beltz of Danville; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Beltz, and a sister, Joan Wappes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, near Garrett.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Emanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto or the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Max I. Guildin**, 78, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Fruip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **V. Elaine Butts**, 69, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. John's Lutheran Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Donald M. Cole**, 58, died Thursday. Services at 3 p.m. Sunday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

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Wilda Yeiser

AUBURN — Wilda J. Yeiser, 80, of Auburn, died Thursday at 5:05 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was the assistant manager of ladies shoes at L.S. Ayres, Fort Wayne, for 22 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yeiser was born June 14, 1917, in Blackford County to John and Sylvia (Shadle) Berrier. On Sept. 27, 1941, she married Darewood Yeiser in Peru, Ind., and he preceded her in death in 1968.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bill King of Auburn; a sister, Gladys Confer of Hartford City; four grandchildren, William G. King II, Sherrie Jennings, Brian King and Beth King; and seven great-grandchildren.

A sister, Burneitta Groves, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel at the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with Father Harold Comer officiating.

A private committal will take place in Avilla Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Polite

ANGOLA — Thomas J. Polite, 71, of Angola, died Thursday at 11:30 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Polite was a drafting instructor at South Side High School in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Aug. 25, 1925, in Lisbon, Ohio, to Jerome and Elizabeth Polite, who preceded him in death. A brother and a sister also preceded him in death.

Surviving is his wife, Mary (Regisser) Polite of Angola.

Friends may call Monday from 9-9:30 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Robert St. Martin officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Deaths/Funerals

Violet Handy

ANGOLA — Violet L. Handy, 50, of Angola, died Saturday at 9:20 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Handy, a homemaker, was born Oct. 18, 1946, in Adrian, Mich., to Harold and Anna (Woolworth) Poley, who preceded her in death.

On July 9, 1977, she married Dale Handy, who survives at home. Also surviving are four sons, Gordon Lewis of Jackson, Mich., John M. Handy of DeWitt, Mich., Dale M. Handy II of Angola, and Shannon Handy of Hillsdale, Mich.; a brother, Randy Poley of Adrian; three sisters, Karen Giberson, Roberta Kiers and Dana Taylor, all of North Adams, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Memorial services are pending. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Richard Norton

PHOENIX — Richard E. Norton, 60, died Thursday at 11:43 a.m. in Sonoran Rehabilitation and Care Center in Phoenix.

Mr. Norton was a construction worker for 25 years, from 1961 to 1986, for Tony Angelo Cement Construction Co., from which he retired. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of Harper Wood American Legion Post 126, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 247. He had lived in Golden Valley, Phoenix, since 1992.

He was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Detroit, Mich., to the late Theodore E. and Gladys G. (Layton) Norton.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond E. and Cheryl Norton of Dearborn, Mich., and Carl E. and Theresa Norton of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah C. and Stacy A. Wells of Garrett, and Pamela and Ed Miller of Hudson; and six grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Pearce Funeral Home at Marshall, Ill., with calling after noon. Burial will be in Marshall Cemetery.

Freda Huelsenbeck

AVILLA — Freda R. Huelsenbeck, 76, of Avilla, died at 11:14 p.m. Sunday in her residence. She had been in failing health the past eight months.

She was born in Avilla July 30, 1920, to Edwin F. and Catherine C. (Mund) Teders. On Nov. 23, 1942, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, she married Hershel Huelsenbeck. He survives.

Mrs. Huelsenbeck, a lifetime resident of Avilla, was a homemaker and was retired from the East Noble High School cafeteria. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary and St. Mary's Rosary Society.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Janis Sobieski of Garrett; five sons, John Huelsenbeck, Gary Huelsenbeck and Tim Huelsenbeck, all of Avilla, Kevin Huelsenbeck of Troy, Mo., and Lynn Huelsenbeck of Churubusco; two sisters, Brunetta Sible of Avilla and Joan Houser of Fort Wayne; a brother, Clifford Teders of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Arnold Teders and Paul Teders.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Dan Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, where the rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Preferred memorials are to the St. Mary's School Fund.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Harry E. Curtis**, 74, died Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Carney-Frost

COLUMBIA CITY — **Steven K. Brommer**, 56, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

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Robert Franz

HAMILTON — Robert H. Franz, 87, died Monday at 10:27 a.m., shortly after admittance to Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

He operated Franz Edgerton Hatchery and Feed Store in Edgerton from 1949 to 1961 and was an owner-partner in Franz Nursery near Hamilton, beginning in 1965. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church near Edgerton, where he had been the first representative to the Lutheran Layman's League. He was also the membership secretary for many years, and served in the building and finance committee in the early 1950s, when the church was built.

Mr. Franz was born Oct. 8, 1909, near Napoleon, Ohio, to the late Ernest A. and Julia (Westinghausen) Franz.

He married Marie A. Meyer on Feb. 24, 1935, in Napoleon, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Marlene Saueressig of Richland, Wash.; two sons, LaVern of Edgerton and Kenneth of Hamilton; one brother, Eldon of Lincoln Park, Mich.; one sister, Esther Welz of Defiance, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Alvin, Clarence and Edwin, and two sisters, Florence Vanfill and Laura Schmidt.

Friends may call Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Edgerton, with Pastor Mark D. Kleckner officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Bethesda Lutheran Home or to the church.

Vivian Werner

WATERLOO — Vivian F. Werner, 85, died today at 2 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient five days.

Mrs. Werner was a homemaker and lived in Waterloo. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born May 30, 1912, in DeKalb County to the late Lloyd L. and Victoria J. (Colett) Beard.

She married Joseph A. Werner on Sept. 15, 1931, in Auburn and he died in 1968.

Surviving her are one son, Roddy E. of Waterloo; two brothers, Clarence "Bud" Beard and Donald Beard, both of Butler; three sisters, Pauline Eck and Agnes Suntken, both of Butler, and June Jozesowicz of Montpelier, Ohio; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 11 a.m. Pastor Frank Weller of the Butler Church of Christ will officiate, with burial in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Emphysema Association, DeKalb County Heart Association or the church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **David Joseph Killian**, 33, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, with calling an hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Treva Crum

ANGOLA — Treva L. Crum, 85, of Angola, died Tuesday at 1:25 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crum, a homemaker, was a member of Psi Iota Xi, Rho Chapter, the Steuben County Women's Republican Club and the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

She was born July 1, 1911, in Fulton County, Ohio, to Howard and Aletha (Leist) Segrist.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Howard E. Crum of Lexington, Ky., and Gary L. Crum of Angola; a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Donna) Southern of Carmel; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Marion M. Crum, on Nov. 25, 1970. Also preceding her in death were her parents and a sister, CoraBelle Kolb.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. David B. Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice and First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

Perry Jeffries

FORT WAYNE — Perry W. Jeffries, 86, died Monday at 8:25 p.m. in the VA Northern Indiana Health Care center.

He was a welder at General Electric Co. for 39 years, retiring in 1970. He was born in Churubusco and lived most of his life in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, Disabled American Veterans, and the General Electric Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; six daughters, Deloris Patterson, Rebecca Clouse and Gloria Jean Clary, all of Fort Wayne, Judy Loucks of Bristol, Mary Earnest of Dayton, Ohio, and Evelyn Imbody of Ossian; one son, Robert M. of South Whitley; three sisters, Clara Reinking, Frona Chochren and E. Violet Blessing, all of Fort Wayne; one brother, Jesse of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. A wake service will be conducted Thursday at 6 p.m.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church, 518 E. DeWald St., with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Russel Rouch

PORTLAND — Russel Rouch, 80, died Tuesday evening in Jay County Hospital.

Mr. Rouch retired in 1974 from I.R.C.&D. and lived in Portland. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of Jay Lodge 87 F.&A.M., Portland Elks Lodge, Portland Moose Lodge, and Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association.

He was born May 2, 1917, in Jay County to the late George and Dessie (Franks) Rouch.

He married Margaret Brown on Aug. 15, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Randy of Garrett and Jack of Portland; one daughter, Alice Bond of Elkhart; two sisters, Wilma Blankenbaker of Portland and Mary Esther Burns of Montpelier, Ind.; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8 p.m. in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Gerald Hewson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Asbury United Methodist Church, Portland.

Toby Miller

HOWE — LaGrange County Treasurer Toby L. Miller, 60, of Howe, died Tuesday in her home. She had been ill with cancer.

She was born March 10, 1937, in Sturgis, Mich., to Harold S. and Maxine M. (Himes) Blasius. Her mother survives in Sturgis. Her father preceded her in death in 1981. On July 20, 1957, she married Kenneth E. Miller. He preceded her in death Jan. 22.

Mrs. Miller had worked for the State Bank of Lima for 25 years and was elected LaGrange County treasurer in 1996. She was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, and the LaGrange County Republican Women's Club.

Surviving with her mother are two daughters, Mrs. Terry (Denise Rae) Holtz of Sturgis, and Mrs. Dearl (Dawn) Melton of Howe; a son, Dennis C. Miller of Angola; a sister, Mrs. Michael (Karen) Ritzer of Sturgis; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe, with the Rev. Diane Cusumano officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Visitation is from 4-9 p.m. Thursday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

Preferred memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Richard J. Spurgeon**, 72, died Monday. Services Thursday in Swayzee.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Emily Kyler**, 88, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

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Jon Creager

NAPOLEON, Ohio — Jon L. Creager, 67, died Tuesday afternoon in his son's home.

Mr. Creager lived in Punta Gorda, Fla., and formerly lived in Liberty Center, Ohio, and Napoleon, Ohio. He worked as a road construction foreman for 27 years in the Napoleon and Toledo areas, was the former owner-operator of Bonaparte's Retreat in Napoleon, and spent 15 years as cemetery superintendent for the City of Napoleon.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Punta Gorda and a former member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon, where he was active in the choir and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Surviving are his wife, Janet (Austermiller) Creager; four sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Jan of Auburn; and Steve and Mary, Eric and Debra, and Michael and Lisa, all of Napoleon; and four sisters, Mary Steinmetz of Ocala, Fla., Kathryn Westhoven of Punta Gorda, Betty McPherson of Defiance, Ohio, and Maxine Kaminska of Sun City, Ariz.; one brother, Kenneth of Naples, Fla., and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pearl and Pauline (Sinoz) Creager, and a daughter, Deborah.

Friends may call today from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in Snyder-Wesche Funeral Home, Napoleon. A wake service will be held tonight at 7:30 (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

A funeral Mass will take place Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, with Father Robert Deindinger and Father Paul Dorley officiating. Burial will be Friday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Henry County Hospice, St. Vincent de Paul at St. Augustine, or the American Cancer Society.

Marjorie Metz

PLEASANT LAKE — Marjorie W. Metz, 84, died Monday at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Metz was a Pleasant Lake resident and a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, Hamilton Rebekkah Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, Steuben County Extension Homemakers and Hamilton Pythian Sisters.

She was born April 3, 1913, in Steuben County to the late Clarence Franklin and Ethel Jane (Parrott) Dally.

She married Dawson E. Metz, who preceded her in death in 1966.

Surviving her are one daughter, Vivian K. Hulbert of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Mabel Wicoff of Hampton, Va.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One son, Neal L., preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Otis E. McInturf**, 81, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hite Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

LAGRANGE — **Nellie L. Missler**, 79, died Tuesday. Services at 4 p.m. today in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, with calling there from noon until services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Cleo I. Adair**, 78, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

WOLF LAKE — **Katherine M. Erdly**, 82, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Friday.

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Sandra Seiler

SPENCERVILLE — Sandra K. Seiler, 55, died Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a bank teller for Philips Credit Union in Auburn and a member of North Leo Mennonite Church.

She was born Sept. 1, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Bud and Gayle (Amstutz) Minnick. Her father survives in Horseshoe Bend, Ark., and her mother is deceased.

She married Ronald Seiler on March 20, 1965, at Leo Mennonite Church and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Stacey Sexton of Fort Wayne; one son, Terry of San Francisco; one brother, Gary Minnick of Warsaw; and one sister, Ann Garren of Spencerville.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10:30 a.m. in North Leo Mennonite Church, Leo, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Doug Zehr will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Eugene Willis Bunyan**, 74, died Thursday. No services or calling.

HUNTERTOWN — **Joel C. Strausborger**, 16, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday and one hour before services at the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mildred D. Grant

AUBURN — Mildred D. Grant, 89, died Friday at 11 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Grant lived on Midway Drive in Auburn. She owned and operated Knapp Abstract in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1971. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

She was born May 19, 1908, in Williams County, Ohio, the daughter of Simon D. and Minnie B. (Calvin) Manon. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Jack Grant in 1928. He preceded her in death in 1979. She also was preceded in death by three brothers, Herbert, Erton and Walter Manon.

Surviving her are two daughters, Doris Bowers and Sandra Carnay, both of Auburn; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Diane Manon will officiate. Burial will take place at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 3-5 p.m. today. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ethel Drerup

AUBURN — Ethel M. Drerup, 76, of Auburn died Friday at 11 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Drerup was a homemaker, a resident of Wesley Park Apartments and a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

She was born Sept. 8, 1920, in Auburn to Clyde and Nellie (Lautzenhiser) Brown. She married Harvey E. Drerup on Feb. 5, 1938, in Garrett. He died July 6, 1973.

She is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Patricia and Dale Warstler, Barbara and Don Boyd and Sharon and James Smolek, all of Auburn; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A half-sister, Myrtle Seigel, preceded her indeath.

Services will take place Monday at 2 p.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Paul Burrus will officiate. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-8 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Memorial donations may be made to the church.

John Libey

FORT WAYNE — John Davis Libey, 69, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Libey graduated from the Naval Academy in 1951 and served as a captain in the U.S. Navy until 1973. He worked at Magnavox from 1974 to 1987.

He was born June 14, 1928, in Kendallville to Wade E. and Louise (Davis) Libey, who preceded him in death.

On Oct. 15, 1955, he married Sally A. Libey, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Douglas John Libey of Wayne, Pa., Bruce M. Libey of Duluth, Minn., and Daniel Wade Libey of Portage, Mich.; a brother, George S. Libey of Blacksburg, Va.; and four sisters, Jane Ann Holbrook of Indianapolis, Mary Hutchins of Angola, Laurinda Steinhilber of Valparaiso, and Sarah Miller of Fort Wayne.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake, with the Rev. Glenda Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, P.O. Box 12869, Fort Wayne, IN 46866 or Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Road Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Deloy Gipple

COLDWATER, Mich. — Deloy Sherman Gipple, 74, of Coldwater, died Wednesday at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater following a long illness.

Mr. Gipple spent most of his life in Ray, Mich., where he worked for Kaufmann Farms. He moved to the Coldwater area in 1971.

He was born Aug. 24, 1922, in DeKalb County to Ova P. and Dolly (Frick) Gipple, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by a brother, Ted LaMar Gipple Sr. of Coldwater; a sister, Mildred Harmon of Tennessee; a half-brother, Verlin Myers of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews, including Teddy Gipple of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Gipple; three brothers, Gene, Russell and Wayne Gipple; a sister, Doris Sheldon; a half-brother, Jack Myers; and his parents, Ova and Dolly Gipple.

Friends may call Sunday from 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) Monday at the Lockwood Cemetery, Coldwater, with the Rev. Angel Rojas officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Brown

ANGOLA — Helen Elizabeth Brown, of Mobile, Ala., a former Angola resident, died Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker. She was born in Winchester to John and Mayme (Inez) Pogue.

She married John V. Brown on Aug. 17, 1954. He survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, John Thomas Owens of Bradenton, Fla.; two sisters, Pauline Haley of Angola and Ruth Miller of Albuquerque, N.M.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will take place July 12 at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Velva M. Shipe**, 96, of rural Churubusco, formerly of Elkhart Township in Noble County, died at 7:55 a.m. Friday at The Oaks Living Center, Columbia City. Services 10:30 a.m. Monday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling Sunday 2-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, or at the church one hour before services Monday.

Deaths/Funerals

Connie Detrick

AUBURN — Connie S. Detrick, 54, died Friday at 4:28 p.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Detrick worked in retail sales at Sea Dwellers, was a homemaker, and was a former employee of Kraft Foods, Kendallville. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and its prayer line, and was a former member of the liturgy committee. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Ladies of the Elks and the Thursday Night Ladies Bowling League. She was a winner of a short story award from the State of Indiana and was very involved in WalkAmerica for the March of Dimes.

She was born June 12, 1943, in Auburn to DeLoss and Maxine (Farrington) Metcalf. Her father survives in Auburn and her mother is deceased.

She married Robert A. Detrick on June 4, 1965, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Grant A. Detrick of Memphis, Tenn.; one daughter, Nicole M. Detrick of Indianapolis; and one sister, Janet K. Rieke of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Laura Farrington.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place Tuesday at noon in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 11 a.m. in the church hospitality room. Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for lung transplants or to the church.

Mary Platter

BUTLER — Mary Ellen Platter, 90, died Saturday at 4:58 p.m. in the DeKalb Health Care Center at Auburn.

Mrs. Platter was a 1931 graduate of Bowling Green State University and held a life license to teach in both Indiana and Ohio. She taught school for over 40 years, mostly in Defiance County, Ohio, and DeKalb County. She retired from Butler Elementary School. She formerly lived in Newville.

She was a member of the Newville Church of Christ, the Ohio Retired Teachers Association and the DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association.

She was born July 18, 1906, in Milford Township, Defiance, Ohio, to the late William H. and Catherine A. (Robbins) Moore.

She married Guy Platter on April 5, 1942, in Decatur and he died Nov. 2, 1962. She married Lyle A. Platter on March 28, 1970, in Newville, and he died June 27, 1993.

Surviving are several nieces, a nephew, and several stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Elza, Bert, William and Ira Moore; one stepson, Coral Platter; and two stepdaughters, Bonnie Gulick and Luella Derrow.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with minister Doug Holley officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn or Newville Church of Christ.

Dorothy Allshouse

ANGOLA — Dorothy Malissa Allshouse, 86, of Angola, died Saturday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Allshouse had been an Angola resident since 1971 after moving from Ohio. She was a member of the Flint United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

She was born Sept. 20, 1910, in Paulding County, Ohio, to James and Ellen (Hitt) Coon.

On July 20, 1931, she married Lester H. Allshouse, who preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1986.

Surviving are four sons, Robert of Angola, James of Muncie, David of Bryan, Ohio, and Richard of Englewood, Colo.; three daughters, Dorothy Stoller of Fort Wayne, Jean Baker of Fostoria, Ohio, and Nancy Larsen of Bremen; a brother, Russell Coon of Antwerp, Ohio; two sisters, Eliza Littlejohn of Defiance, Ohio, and Gertie Stuart of Cecil, Ohio; 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Dean Allen Stoller; three brothers, Lester, Abner and Ray Coon; and two stepbrothers, Charles and Paul Smith.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made to the Flint United Methodist Church.

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Lynda Loucks

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Lynda D. Loucks, 88, of Montgomery, died Friday at 5:05 p.m. at The Laurels of Coldwater, Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Loucks, a homemaker and a member of California Presbyterian Church in Branch County, Mich., was a former Steuben County resident.

She was born Nov. 19, 1908, in Salem Township, Steuben County, to Logan and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker.

Her husband, Merle, preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Robert Loucks of Montgomery; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; six sisters, Dorothy Lockwood of Auburn, Mary Lepley of Ashley, Glova Spears of South Milford, Wanda Forrester of Warsaw, Irene Gillispie of Valparaiso and Ilah Notestine of Mongo.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gene, and two brothers.

Services took place this morning in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial was in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to the California Presbyterian Church.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Dennis D. Halsey**, 42, died last week near his residence. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Neva A. Dillman**, 90, died Saturday. Private graveside services Thursday in Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Richland Township. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Trent Michael Mowrey**, 22, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. Calling 2-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Fredrick Sauerteig

AUBURN — Fredrick H. Sauerteig, 61, died Monday at 3 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Sauerteig was an electrical engineer for several area cities, and served as superintendent of the Auburn Electric Department from 1974-79. He lived on Hawthorne Court, Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Indianapolis.

He was born Dec. 12, 1935, in Indianapolis to Fredrick and Mary Alice (Harding) Sauerteig. His mother survives in Indianapolis and his father is deceased.

He married Norma Rossetter on June 22, 1963, in Indianapolis, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Wendy Sauerteig of Indianapolis; two sisters, Carolyn Crawford of Missouri and Margaret Clayton of Granville, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Tyler and Madison Sauerteig.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home, 1305 E. Broad Ripple, Indianapolis.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Oaklawn Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Lloyd Simons

ASHLEY — Lloyd Clifton Simons, 86, of Angola and formerly of Ashley, died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

He was born in DeKalb County, Aug. 14, 1910, to George E. and Rosetta (Harter) Simons. On June 4, 1932, in LaOtto, he married Eileen J. Landis. She survives.

Mr. Simons, formerly of Fairfield Center, had lived in Ashley 21 years before moving to Angola in 1992. He was a retired farmer and had served on the DeKalb County Fair Board for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Corunna, and the Horsemen Association in Auburn.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Virginia Simons of Pleasant Lake, and James and Lynn Simons of Angola; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Lloyd C. Simons Jr. and Lynn E. Simons; and two grandsons, Thomas H. Simons and Darrell R. Simons.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna, with the Rev. Stanley R. Wilson of the First United Presbyterian Church, LaGrange, officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph McClain

EL PASO, Texas — Joseph Marion McClain, 43, died Thursday evening in El Paso, Texas.

Mr. McClain was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born Sept. 12, 1953, to Joe and Edith McClain. They survive in Sun City, Ariz.

Surviving are his wife, Diane; two sons, Brian and Matt, both of El Paso; and four brothers, Bob of Auburn, Rich of Logansport, Jerry of Nederland, Texas, and Charles of El Paso.

Private services were held in El Paso.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Circle of Hope Hospice, in care of Visiting Nurse Association, 2211 E. Missouri, Suite 5200, El Paso TX 79903.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Eugene W. Hoover**, 75, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Lyle K. Easterday**, 70, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Area school board member dies at 40

ORLAND — Keith Harlan Lewis, 40, a Prairie Heights Community Schools board member, died Sunday night in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola from a heart attack.

A board member since July 1994, Lewis also was the owner and operator of the Orland Town Market.

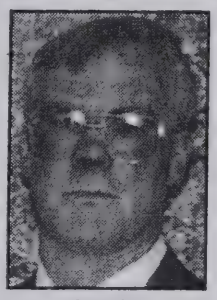
Jody Holsinger, president of the board, said she and her husband have known the Lewis family for many years, going all the way back to when they were in high school.

"He was like a brother to me," she said. "I really will miss his teasing and picking on me like a brother."

Holsinger said that professionally Lewis was very committed to the board and the children of the Prairie Heights district.

"He gave it his all on the board, always keeping in mind what was best for the kids," she said.

And according to Holsinger, Lewis, who was the vice president of the board, showed his support to her frequently with board business.



Lewis

"I can't even think of one bad thing he ever said about anyone. He was just a very well-liked person."

Duane Howe, school board member, agreed and said Lewis was an excellent board member.

"He was a level-headed guy. He had a lot of good ideas ... and he fit well on the board and in the community. He looked out for the kids," he said.

"It's just been a terrible shock," he added.

Lewis was born April 3, 1957, in Coldwater, Mich., to Keith L. and Betty (Lawrence) Lewis. They survive in Las Vegas, Nev. On July 22, 1978, he married Robin Dudley. She also survives.

He was a member of Orland Lions Club, FFA Alumni Club and Indiana Retail Grocers Association.

Surviving with his wife and parents are three daughters, Abigail Lewis, Amanda Lewis and Andrea Lewis, all at home; a son, Andrew Lewis, at home; a brother and sister-in-law, Bryan and Kimberly Lewis of Las Vegas; and a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Dan Ernsberger of Orland.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Prairie Heights auditorium, with the Rev. Paul Metzger and the Rev. Dale Walterhouse officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and one hour before services Thursday at the school.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lewis Scholarship Fund.

The Evening Star, Wed., July 2, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

Alex Milleman

ANGOLA — Alex V. Milleman, 2, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis

He was born March 16, 1995, in Angola, to Jon and Tamara (Sperry) Milleman. His parents survive in Angola.

Surviving with his parents are grandparents, Jack and Nancy Sperry of Orland, and Von and Janet Milleman of Angola; and his great-grandmother, Lena Sperry of LaGrange.

Private family services will be Saturday at Salem Center Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Howard G. Compton officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and 2-4 p.m. Friday in Klink Funeral Home. The family will receive friends in the Angola High School commons area beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis or Cameron Child Care Centers, Angola.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Kenneth Vachon**, of Churubusco, died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

LIGONIER — **Milton J. "Jim" Hull**, 88, died Monday at 7:56 p.m. Private committal services. No visitation. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Floyd Bickel

FREMONT — Floyd W. Bickel, 84, of Lake James, Fremont, died Monday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Bickel retired in 1982 as a cement finisher after more than 30 years with Local 886.

He was born Dec. 12, 1912, to Ira and Edna Bickel.

Surviving are his wife, Marcella, at home; two sons, Jim and Don Bickel, both of Fremont; a daughter Linda (Henry) Hansen of Perrysburg, Ohio; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted today at the David R. Jasin Funeral Home in Toledo, Ohio, with the Rev. Dan Jackson officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Garland 'Bud' Treesh

GARRETT — Garland L. "Bud" Treesh, 65, died Wednesday at 11:30 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Treesh was a lifetime DeKalb County resident and established Tireville in Garrett in 1976, retiring in 1992. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Garrett Rotary Club, and the Auburn Skirts and Shirts Square Dance Club.

He was born March 30, 1932, in Kendallville.

On Feb. 21, 1953, he married Nancy Ellen Hays in Garrett and she survives in Auburn.

He also is survived by four sons, David and Douglas of Corunna, Dana of Garrett, and Dennis of Auburn; one daughter, Linda Diane Treesh of Angola; one sister, Donna Jean Steffe of Auburn; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Bill Dunfee and Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating.

Friends may call Friday from 3-8 p.m., at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, or one hour prior to services at the church Saturday.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Graveside military services will be conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Joseph Brinkerhoff

GARRETT — Graveside funeral services for Joseph A. Brinkerhoff will take place Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Mr. Brinkerhoff, 76, died Thursday, May 15, at 5 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Portland, Ore.

He had been a resident of Milwaukee, Ore., for several months and previously lived in Garrett.

He worked in research and development for ITT in Fort Wayne for 20 years before retiring in 1973. He worked at Ort's Furniture in Garrett in the mid-1950s. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served with the 7th Air Force with 3 1/2 years overseas.

He was born March 12, 1921, in Garrett, to James D Brinkerhoff Sr. and Josephine (Teal) Brinkerhoff, who are deceased.

He is survived by two sons, Jeff Brinkerhoff of Lake Worth, Fla., and Joel Brinkerhoff of Milwaukee, Ore.; a daughter, Judy Smith of Twin Lakes, Wis.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and James Brinkerhoff, and a sister, Beverly Vogel.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Kennith D. Vachon**, 33, died Tuesday at home. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

KENDALLVILLE — **F. Geraldine Pulskamp**, 85, died Wednesday at home. Services at 3 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there from noon until services.

Deaths/Funerals

Betty Dove

AUBURN — Betty E. Dove, 72, died Thursday at 7:22 a.m. in the home of her daughter in Auburn.

Mrs. Dove was a homemaker who lived in Auburn. She was born July 6, 1924, in Zanesville, Ind., to the late George and Waneta (Sonner) Hiser .

She married Howard Dove on Aug. 15, 1946, at Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Linda Fike of Auburn; two sons, Larry of Fort Wayne and Ron of Auburn; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services are pending for Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Larry Goodwin to officiate. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cancer Services of Allen County or the the American Heart Association.

Ilah Swickard

WAWAKA — Ilah F. Swickard, 84, died at 12:45 a.m. Thursday at Kingston Health Care Center, Ligonier.

She was born Feb. 15, 1913, in Noble County. On May 16, 1929, she married Atlee Swickard, who died in 1990.

She retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier in 1977 as a factory worker. She was a Jehovah's Witness.

Surviving are one son, Homer Swickard of Apple Valley, Calif.; two daughters, Betty Ostrander of Ligonier and Novilla Beckner White of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-greatgrandchildren.

Beside her husband, she was preceded in death by one son and three brothers.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pat Carter, minister of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Robert D. Gonser

HUDSON — Robert D. Gonser, 79, died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ruth E. Olinger**, 73, died Wednesday. Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

CHURUBUSCO — **Angel Marie Sauers-Belcher** died Wednesday shortly after birth at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at Cedar Chapel Cemetery, DeKalb county roads 68 and 11A. There will be no calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **James R. Johnston**, 66, died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack Thursday evening at home. Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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Mabel Husselman

HAMILTON — Mabel E. Husselman, 79, died Friday evening at Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Husselman was a homemaker, a retired study hall monitor with Hamilton Community Schools and a previous publisher of The Hamilton News. She was formerly a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church and the Hamilton Happy Splashers. She lived on East Beecher Street in Hamilton.

She was born Oct. 26, 1917, in Garrett to the late Glen and Alice (Hanville) Byers.

She married Horace Wilson Husselman on Aug. 25, 1935, and he died in 1969.

Surviving her are two daughters, Marlene A. Gnagy of Hamilton and Sandra Grantham of Astor, Fla.; one sister, Gene Pettifer of Elkhart; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Birdie Thomas

ANGOLA — Birdie L. Thomas, 76, of Angola, died Friday at 5:35 p.m. at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker and a member of Evening Musicale and Angola Christian Church.

She was born Jan. 25, 1921, in Toledo, Ohio, to William H. and Daisy E. (Smith) Spade.

On June 2, 1945, she married the the Rev. Kenneth C. Thomas, who survives at home in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Chuck Thomas of Angola, a daughter, Judy Swift of Fremont; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, William, Theodore, Myron, Richard and Robert Spade; and two sisters, Cleda and Loris Spade.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. James Saunders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations to the Angola Christian Church and the Steuben County chapter of American Red Cross are preferred.

Marjory Gappinger

AVILLA — Marjory J. Gappinger, 90, died at 1:32 p.m. Friday in the Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born March 28, 1907, in Noble County to Clarence and Inez (Beckley) Schutt. On Aug. 4, 1933, she married Ralph Gappinger, who preceded her in death in 1974.

Mrs. Gappinger, a lifetime Noble County resident, was a homemaker and a member of Order of the Eastern Star in Albion.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ronnie (Ann) Winebrenner and Mrs. Ken (Jean) Smolek, both of Albion; two sisters, Alice Freeman of Avilla, and Gladys Sellers of Orland; a brother, Everett Schutt of Avilla; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jack and John; a daughter, Carolyn; two grandchildren; and a brother, Glenn Schutt.

Funeral services were today at 11:30 a.m. in Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the music department of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Martelle Johnson

ANGOLA — Martelle Johnson, 81, of Angola, died Thursday at 7:12 p.m. at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker. She was born Aug. 10, 1915, in Steuben County to James Jerome and Mary Flora (Trowbridge) German. Her husband, Fred Johnson, preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted Sunday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Seevers and the Rev. Ron Miller officiating. Burial will be Wednesday in Floral Park Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Memorials donations may be made to the Pleasant View Church of Christ.

Edwin Gerken

FREMONT — Edwin H. Gerken, 86, died Friday at 9:30 a.m. at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Gerken was the owner of Auburn Soft Water Service. He graduated from Valparaiso University and was a member of the Lutheran Layman's League and Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

He was born Nov. 7, 1910, in Napoleon, Ohio, to John and Sophia (Meyer) Gerken.

On Aug. 27, 1939, he married Helen Meyer, who preceded him in death on March 26.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary McDonald of Angola and Ruth Messer of Auburn; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Fred and Albert Gerken; and a sister, Minnie Holers.

Services were conducted this morning at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Fremont, with the Rev. Kenneth Redmann officiating. Burial was in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to Clear Lake Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Willis Stanley

LIGONIER — Willis E. Stanley, 66, of Ligonier, died at 12:25 a.m. Friday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill one week.

He was born Jan. 20, 1931, in McCreary, Ky., to Jerome and Pernie (Laxton) Stanley. On April 14, 1956, in Lawrenceburg, he married Evelyn Gibbons. She survives.

Mr. Stanley moved to Ligonier 25 years ago from Cincinnati. He retired in 1993 from Smoker Craft Boat Co. in New Paris and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Judy Ritchie of Ligonier, Mrs. Mark (Connie) Armstrong of Auburn, and Mrs. Brian (Joyce) Sparkman of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Brown of Cromwell, Ken and Dianne Stanley of Donaldsville, Ohio, and James Stanley of Ligonier; a sister, Betty Stanley of Cincinnati; five brothers, Willard Stanley, James Stanley and Bobby Stanley, all of Cincinnati, Bill Stanley of Taylor, Mich., and Dean Stanley of Freeland, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, and a grandson.

Funeral services were today at 1:30 p.m. in Bethel Christian Church with the Rev. Herman Meadors and the Rev. Matthias Snodderly officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Preferred memorials are to Mr. Stanley's wife and family.

Jessie Mencer

FREMONT — Jessie L. Mencer, 81, of Orlando, Fla., died Wednesday at 3:50 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Mencer was a Clear Lake resident until 1972 and operated the South Shore Grocery at Clear Lake for 13 years. She retired as a cook from the Orange County, Fla., school district. She was a member of the Eastern Star Pythian Sisters.

She was born April 11, 1916, in Indiana to Frank and Minnie (Deitch) Butler.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Edward Mencer of Orlando; two daughters, Nona Deitschand Debra Thornton, both of Orlando; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild; two sisters, Marcil Guisinger and Ruth George, both of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Frank and Fred Butler, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a son, Danny, three sisters and a brother.

Services were conducted at 1 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial was in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial donations to hospice organizations are preferred.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Marjory J. Gappinger**, 90, died Friday. Services were today in Albion.

ALBION — **Virginia L. Smith**, 93, died Saturday. Services and burial are in Sun City, Ariz.

CHURUBUSCO — **James R. Johnston**, 66, died Thursday. Services were Monday in Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Donald F. Byrer**, 81, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Sylvia L. Plattner**, 80, died Wednesday. Services were held Saturday in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Margie L. Vogely**, 91, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

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Robert Fuqua

ANGOLA — Robert A. Fuqua, 83, of Angola, died Monday at 12:05 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center.

Mr. Fuqua was a World War II veteran of the Coast Guard. He worked as a mail sorter with the U.S. Postal Service.

He was born Jan. 2, 1914, in St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel C. Fuqua, in 1981.

Cremation will take place Wednesday at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Leeann Lauer

SPENCERVILLE — Leeann Lauer, 84, died Monday at 7:20 a.m. in her Spencerville residence.

She was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne for most of her life. She was born in Jackson, Ky. Her husband, Bernard, preceded her in death in 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Pilkinton of Spencerville and Ruth A. Szeman of Angola; six sisters, Dorothy Bickle of California, Ky., Opal Landsaw of Fort Wayne, Miranda Hatton of Blue Lake, Betty Staufer of Spencerville, Viola Murry of Garrett and Opsy Terry of Auburn; four brothers, Carl Hatton, Ben Hatton and Orpheus Hatton, all of LaOtto, and George Hatton of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Dr. Kenneth Springer

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Kenneth W. Springer, 59, of Fort Wayne died at 2:15 p.m. Monday at his residence. Dr. Springer also had a home at Dallas Lake, Wolcottville.

He was born Oct. 3, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Edgar and Vera (Bearman) Springer. His mother is deceased, but his father survives in Angola. On June 14, 1957, in Fort Wayne, he married Nancy Lybarger. She also survives in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Springer, a lifetime Fort Wayne resident, held degrees from Ball State University, the University of North Carolina; North Texas State and St. Francis College, Fort Wayne. He retired in August 1996 as superintendent of North Adams Community Schools. He had also served at various capacities at North Adams, Ball State and East Allen County Schools.

He served on many boards and was a member of Hope United Methodist Church and many other organizations.

Surviving with his father and wife are a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Kim) Christofeno of Goshen; a son, Tim Springer of Noblesville; a sister, Mrs. Ron (Marlo) Smith of Newcastle, Calif.; four brothers, Eugene Springer of New Haven, Larry Springer of Fort Wayne, and Dennis Springer and Allan Springer, both of Angola; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kent Alan, and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur, with the Rev. Erma Rohrer and the Rev. Phil Houser officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Haggard & Armes Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur, and one hour before services on Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Hope United Methodist Church building fund, Dr. Ken Springer ACCES School Scholarship Fund, Cancer Services of Allen County or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Hildon Notestine

MONGO — Hildon W. Notestine, 70, died Monday at 11:55 a.m. at the Mongo Fire Station.

Mr. Notestine was a sawyer and retired owner of Notestine Saw Mill in Mongo, and a truck driver for Perkins Twin Creek Farms in Stroh. He was a lifelong Mongo resident and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was charter member and past president of the Mongo Lions Club, a charter member for 38 years of the Mongo Fire Department and its retired chief. He was a member of the Orland post of the American Legion, Orland Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 9, 1927, in Mongo to the late F. Wayne and Mabel M. (Huss) Notestine.

He married Ilah B. Parker on Aug. 19, 1951, in Mongo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Gloria Jean Preston of LaGrange and Heidi Blackburn of Angola; one son, Ike L. of Mongo; one brother, Keith O. of Terre Haute; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Thomas John, in October 1966 and a sister, Margaret Ann Notestine, in 1932.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Fruriptmay Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in Mongo United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Bartlett and the Rev. Carldean Merrifield will officiate. Burial will be in Springfield Township Cemetery, Mongo.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mongo United Methodist Church or Mongo Fire Department.

Robert Gonser

HUDSON — Robert D. Gonser, 79, of rural Hudson, died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday in his residence.

He was born in Savoy, Mont., Aug. 30, 1917, to C. Merle and Blanche (Elliott) Gonser. On June 29, 1952, in Salem Center Presbyterian Church, he married Helen Butler. She survives.

Mr. Gonser had been a rural Hudson resident for more than 70 years. He was a graduate of Flint High School, Flint, and a retired farmer. He attended Ashley United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Lizabeth Petry of East Moline, Ill., and Lilli Mattingly of LaGrange; a son, Cliff Gonser of rural Hudson; two sisters, Wilda Halsey of Ligonier, and Lois Willibey of Bloomington; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Tom Watt officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Visitation is one hour before services in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Health & Hospice or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Clara L. Stouder Layman**, 77, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Brenda Rye

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Brenda J. Rye, 52, died Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla., after an extended illness.

She was a pharmacist and lived in St. Augustine, Fla. She was a former Butler resident.

Surviving are her husband, John; her mother, Pearl Mutzfeld of Seneca, S.C.; her father, Ralph Cochran of Sherrills Ford, N.C.; and one brother, Chuck Mutzfeld of St. Joe.

A memorial Mass will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of local arrangements.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **David S. Horan**, 93, died Monday. No formal services or calling.

FORT WAYNE — **Theresa Schimmel**, 94, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Lutheran Homes, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., and at 2 p.m. Monday in Cleveland.

FORT WAYNE — **Grace A. Schwab**, 81, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 6-9 p.m. Thursday and one hour before services on Friday.

FORT WAYNE — **Helen R. Spear**, 82, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Helen Brown

ANGOLA — Helen Elizabeth Brown, formerly of Angola, died June 25 at her home in Mobile, Ala.

She was born in Winchester to John Collett and Mayme (Inez) Pogue.

Mrs. Brown, a homemaker, married John V. Brown on Aug. 17, 1954. He survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, John Thomas Owens of Bradenton, Fla.; two sisters, Pauline Haley of Angola and Ruth Miller of Albuquerque, N.M.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Paul Jones

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Paul L. Jones, 68, died Tuesday at 9:40 p.m. (Indiana time) in Community Hospital of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio, where he had been a patient one day.

He had resided at Park View Nursing Home for the past three years. He owned and operated the Hicksville Ford Agency and the Hicksville City Sales Ford Agency. He also operated Hickory Hills Golf Course in Hicksville and Golden Dome in Hamilton. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of the Hicksville American Legion and Hicksville Eagles Lodge. He graduated from Hicksville High School with the class of 1946.

Mr. Jones was born Oct. 8, 1928, in Muncie to Leon H. and Helen (Rogoza) Jones. His mother survives in New Haven and his father is deceased.

Surviving him are two sons, Lawrence and Robert, both of Hicksville; four daughters, Reggie Johnson and Paula Miller, both of Hicksville, Monica Mies of Boca Raton, Fla., and Sandra Fitch of Bryan; a half-sister, Susanne Cottrell of New Haven; one brother, James of Hicksville; a half-brother, Dr. William Bricker of Antwerp, Ohio; and 13 grandchildren.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Hicksville Eagles will conduct a service today at 7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with Father Thomas Oedy of St. Michael's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Preferred memorial contributions are to the Hicksville Park Program.

Keith Murray

FORT WAYNE — Keith D. Murray, 57, died Monday at 6 p.m. in his Fort Wayne home.

He retired in 1986 from the Fort Wayne Police Department after 13 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of American Legion Post 82. He was a lifetime Fort Wayne resident.

Mr. Murray was born Aug. 11, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Daniel and Geraldine (Bay) Murray.

Surviving him are his wife, Lupe; three sons, Jared of Auburn, Steven, at home, and Craig of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Leisa Costello of North Port, Fla., and Deborah Smith of Englewood, Fla.; four brothers, Russell Murray of Pennsylvania, Marshall Ely and David Murray, both of Churubusco, and Neil Ely of Edwardsburg, Mich.; two sisters, Sondra Taylor of Fort Wayne and Carol Hlywiak of Orlando, Fla.; a stepmother, Mildred (Ely) Murray of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Eric Smothermon and Richard Smothermon, both of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Debby Koorsen of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Williams officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Mary F. Kennedy**, 93, died Tuesday. Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Ellen Bowman**, 83, died Wednesday. Service are pending at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

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Mary Gravit

LAGRANGE — Mary F. Gravit, 69, died at 2 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gravit was a homemaker and lived in LaGrange County since 1950, after moving from Garrett.

She was born July 1, 1928 in Garrett, to Jay Hall and Lillie (Metzler) Hall. Both preceded her in death.

She married Harold W. (Red) Gravit on December 23, 1950 in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1994.

Surviving are one daughter and one son, Mrs. Ronnie (Sherry) Holiday of Angola; David A. Gravit of Hudson; two brothers, Robert Hall of Bellevue, Ohio, and Marvin Hall of Garrett, and three grandchildren.

Four brothers, one sister and one grand-daughter preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Parkview Homebound Healthcare or the Stroh Fire Department.

Mary Wolf

FREMONT — Mary L. Wolf, 76, a former Fremont resident, died Wednesday at Leesburg Regional Medical Center, Leesburg, Fla.

She had lived in Leesburg for the past 11 years, after previously living in Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana. Mrs. Wolf was a retired secretary from the Michigan State University Police Department.

She was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Steuben County to William J. and Ella J. (Caswell) Heller.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, David C. Wolf of Leesburg, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Friends may call from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services are 11:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Milna Hensel

INDIANAPOLIS — Milna Beth (Farlow) Hensel, 61, died Thursday at her Indianapolis home.

She was a supervisor of the credit department for Blue Cross-Blue Shield for 30 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church.

Mrs. Hensel was born Aug. 21, 1935, in Indianapolis to the late Robert and Katherine (Powers) Farlow. Her husband, Joseph P. Hensel, preceded her in death.

Surviving are four children, Tracey Wleklinski of Auburn, Kathryn Beach of Lawrence, Elizabeth Benedict and Christopher Hensel, both of Greenwood; one brother, Charles Robert Farlow of Florida; two sisters, Alice Libka of Florida and Sara Reed of Tennessee; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis. A rosary service will be conducted today at 7:45 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church. Burial will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Bainbridge Cemetery, Bainbridge.

Mitchell Stevens

GARRETT — Mitchell Stevens, 73, died Thursday at 2:40 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A World War II army veteran, Mr. Stevens worked as a core room operator at the Auburn Foundry for 19 years, retiring in 1982.

He was born September 7, 1923, in Hueysville, Kentucky, to the late Grover Cleveland Stevens and Catherine (Bailey) Stevens, both deceased.

In 1946, he married Shirley Shepherd, who preceded him in death in 1985.

Surviving is one son, Wayne Stevens, of Garrett.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m., Friday at the McKee-Miles Funeral Home, 500 S. Randolph Street in Garrett.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will take place at the Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Faye Strong

WABASH, Ind. — Faye E. Strong, 76, Thursday at 6:57 a.m. in Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

She was a 30-year member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ and was secretary for the church for 14 years. She also worked as a bank teller at one time for 13 years. She was a 1939 graduate of Butler High School.

Mrs. Strong was born May 4, 1921, in DeKalb County to the late John and Bertha (Hook) Alwood.

She married Grant Strong on June 28, 1952, in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, George Strong of Wabash; one daughter, Marsha McCormick of Lansing Mich.; one sister, Helen VanZile of Butler; and two grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel, Wabash.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with John Leinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, rural Butler.

Kenneth Johnson

FREMONT — Kenneth C. Johnson, 86, of Fremont, died at 4:20 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson had served as the Toledo, Ohio, corporate purchasing director for Dana Corp. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 210, Fremont; the York Rite and Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne; and the Angola Elks.

He was born July 11, 1910, in Henry County to Cloyce V. and Mabel (Harrold) Johnson.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Georgie (Younts) Johnson of Fremont; a son, Joe (and wife, Peggy) Johnson of Fremont; a daughter, Pamela (and husband, Earl Ford) McNaughton of Fremont; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Calling is 7-9 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Rauhut officiating. Burial will be at Covenanter Cemetery, Fremont.

Preferred memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church Building Fund or the Ray/Covenanter Cemetery.

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Glenn Eme Jr.

LAGRANGE — Glenn Eme Jr., 74, died Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at his home at Big Turkey Lake.

He retired in 1985 from the housekeeping department at Parkview Memorial Hospital with 11 1/2 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He lived on Big Turkey Lake for 12 years and formerly lived in Fort Wayne. He attended St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and was a member of America Legion Post 330.

Mr. Eme was born April 27, 1923, in Fort Wayne to the late Glenn Eme Sr. and Margaret (Stern) Eme.

He married Dorothy D. Lowe on Dec. 20, 1967 in Indianapolis and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald of Chicago; one stepbrother, Robert Stoll of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne by the Rev. John Hamer, associate pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church. There is no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Ray Taylor Jr.

CORUNNA — Ray A. Taylor Jr., 24, of Corunna, died at 4:03 a.m. Saturday in an auto accident on Steuben C.R. 575W, one mile south of Ind. 4, Hudson.

He was born in Kendallville Sept. 28, 1972, to Ray A. and Linda S. (Hurst) Taylor Sr. His parents survive in Kendallville.

Mr. Taylor was a laborer at Hoosier Wire, Corunna, and was lead guitarist for the band Dark Ages. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving with his parents are two sisters, Susan Taylor and Sharon Taylor, both of Kendallville; two brothers, Robert Taylor and Richard Taylor, both of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Adam Klopfenstein of Kendallville; a nephew, Walker Lee Klopfenstein of Kendallville; and grandparents, James and Gladys Hurst of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with President David Patterson and Elder Damon Cox officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 4540, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Edward Buchs

WATERLOO — Edward J. Buchs, 74, formerly of County Road 47, Waterloo, died Friday at 11:45 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Buchs was a retired Grant Township farmer. He worked at McCray Co. in Kendallville for 15 years, and Hendrickson Suspension Co. in Butler for 15 years. He was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

He was born Aug. 14, 1922, in DeKalb County to Leo Sr. and Mathilda (Ellert) Buchs, who are deceased.

On Feb. 25, 1954, he married his wife, Ruth Lauer, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John, Bill and Tom, all of Waterloo; one daughter, Darlene Buchs of Waterloo; two brothers, Paul and Harold, both of Auburn; two sisters, Pauline Badman of Auburn and Marie McDougal of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Two brothers, Leo and Gerald, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating.

Friends may call today from 2-5 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. There will be a rosary service at the funeral home at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo.

Walter G. Warstler

PLEASANT LAKE — Walter G. Warstler, 85, 4930 E. Railroad St., Pleasant Lake, died Sunday at 5:10 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of SR 327 and SR 4, four miles west of Ashley.

Mr. Warstler was born Oct. 18, 1911, in DeKalb County, a son of Orange W. and Ethel (Long) Warstler.

He was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Golden Lake. He retired from Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry, Auburn, in 1976 after 24 years with the company as a molder and core-maker.

On Dec. 14, 1934, Mr. Warstler was married in Waterloo to Mae Hesley, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Richard Warstler of Rosenberg, Texas; one daughter, Carol Shipe of Southport, Ind.; three brothers, Charles of Clermont, Fla., Lester of Allen, Mich., and Robert of Toledo, Ohio; one sister, Minnie Hollinger of Garrett; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

One son, Russel, one brother, Perry, and one sister, Ruth Durrim, preceded Mr. Warstler in death.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Golden Lake, with burial in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

Edwin Yanuszeski

COLUMBIA CITY — Edwin H. "Red" Yanuszeski, 73, of Columbia City, died Friday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 16, 1923, to Vincent and Helen (Sikorski) Yanuszeski in Altona.

Mr. Yanuszeski retired in 1988 as a machine operator after 46 1/2 years at Wayne Home Equipment and Scotts & Fetzer in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth E.; a son, David Yanuszeski of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Dolores Doolittle of Royal Oak, Mich.; two brothers, Alex Yanuszeski of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Richard "Ski" Yanuszeski of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Max Foor of Arcola; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Valentine "Volly" Yanuszeski.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. today in St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Columbia City. Burial was in St. Matthews (Hively) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Preferred memorials are to St. Matthews United Methodist Church building fund, Columbia City.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, was in charge of arrangements.

Luella Vaughn

FREMONT — Luella Vaughn, 97, of Fremont, died at 12:45 p.m. Saturday in Fremont.

She was a homemaker and member of the Pythian Sisters and Eastern Stars.

She was born Dec. 8, 1899, in Butler to Milo and Sidena (Brandeberry) Nickols.

Surviving are two sons, Robert and Hal Vaughn, both of Fremont; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Aneata Whitlock of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ford, in 1956; two sons; three brothers; and three sisters.

Friends may call from 4-8:30 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Scott Shoaff and Steve Vaughn officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Preferred memorials are to the United Methodist Church Building Fund.

William Roe

ANGOLA — William J. Roe, 66, of Angola, died at 10 p.m. Friday at his home.

Mr. Roe was the owner of Central Roofing of Toledo, Ohio, until he retired in 1987. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy from 1948-52.

He was born May 16, 1931, in Toledo, to John and Edith (Martin) Roe. Surviving are two sons, Richard William Roe of Toledo and David William Roe of Angola; three daughters, Kelly Barker of Amherst, Ohio, Dr. Gayle Borkowski of Pleasant Lake, and Sherry Roe of Angola; a brother, Frank Roe of Toledo; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dru, in 1979.

Friends may call from 6-8 Tuesday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Powers Church Cemetery, Angola, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Cremation will be at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Helen M. Krider**, 83, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Clara A. Beebe**, 85, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Aric Alan Smith**, 18, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary Ellen Bowman**, 83, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arcola. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Colista Gnagy

HAMILTON — Colista L. Gnagy, 87, Hamilton, died Sunday at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Gnagy was a schoolteacher for 15 years at Carlin Park Elementary School in Angola before retiring in 1975. She also taught music at several area elementary schools including Pleasant Lake and Hamilton.

She graduated from Central Missouri State Teachers College and received her masters degree from Ball State University. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, the Bridgettes, Hamilton Study Club and the Hamilton Church of Christ.

She was born on Sept. 26, 1909, in Butler to the late James Garfield Diehl and Hannah DeLana (Dirrim).

Surviving is one son, James G. Gnagy of Hamilton; three daughters, Janice (Gnagy) Jennings of Augusta, Mich., Mrs. Milford (Joyce) Freeman of Eugene, Ore., and Jonell Gerig of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Wilbur Diehl of Butler, and Marion Diehl of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Donald Gnagy, in 1979; and her brother, James Leland Diehl, in 1992.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Hamilton Church of Christ, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl and David Payne officiating.

Friends may call Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Burial will be at the Hamilton Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Martha A. Franks**, 73, died Sunday. Memorial services at 7:30 p.m. July 22 in Ligonier Presbyterian Church, with calling one hour before services. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Munk

ALBION — Mary E. Munk, 94, of Albion, died at 7:40 a.m. Monday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 20, 1902, in Kalkaska, Mich., to John and Adeline (Pankop) Streb. In 1925, she married Melvin Munk in Noble County. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Mrs. Munk, a 1920 graduate of Kendallville High School, attended Muncie Teachers College. A lifetime Noble County resident, she was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Paul Munk of Whippany, N.J.; a sister, Mildred Nodine of Garrett; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles and James Streb; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Burr Oak Baptist Church or Shepherd of the Hill.

Charles Pfenning

HOWE — Charles A. Pfenning, 78, of rural Howe, died Monday in Sturgis Hospital, Sturgis, Mich.

He was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Howe to Clarence and Lucy (Smith) Pfenning. On June 28, 1958, in Vincennes, he married Mary Lou Swihart. She survives.

Mr. Pfenning, a lifetime Howe community resident, retired from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis. He was a member of Orland Congregational Church, a member and past commander of American Legion Post 215, and DAV Chapter 45. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mrs. Tom (Bonita) Duane of Mottville, Mich., Mrs. Dwayne (Judith) Wilson of Orland, Mrs. Steven (Linda) Hamman of Howe, and Mrs. Dale (Jacquelyn) Nye of St. Joseph, Mich.; two sons, Ronald Pfenning of Greensboro, Ky., and John Mireley of East Lansing, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. Paul (Marjorie) Juday of Florida, Margaret Freet of Elkhart, Mary Lou Miller of Nashville, Tenn., and Marian Woodbury of Ligonier; two brothers, Richard Pfenning of Sturgis, Mich., and Paul Pfenning of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Albert Pfenning.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Friday in Orland Congregational Church, Orland, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church elevator fund.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Lois (Schwab) Iler

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lois Louise (Schwab) Iler, 85, of Wolcottville, died at 11 a.m. Monday in Life Care Center in LaGrange following an extended illness.

She was born in Steuben County Aug. 18, 1911, to Frank and Celia (Renkenberger) Smith. On April 10, 1936, she married Carey Schwab. He preceded her in death in 1974. On Nov. 22, 1984, she married Russell Iler. He survives in LaGrange.

Mrs. Iler, nearly a lifetime area resident, was a farm wife and homemaker. She had sold Avon products for 20 years. She was a graduate of Wawaka High School and was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church and past member of the Wolcottville Community Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Sandra Sue) Donat of Rome City, and Mrs. Guy (Martha Mae) Swartzlander of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Ilene Rosenberg of Three Rivers, Mich.; a sister, Cleo Halsey of Wolcottville; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

A brother, Cecil Smith, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Harold North of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Carriage House Fund for Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Site, Rome City, or Life Care Center, LaGrange.

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Lum Daniels

GARRETT — Lum Daniels, 65, died at 4 a.m. Tuesday in his Garrett home.

Mr. Daniels worked as a plater technician at Rieke Corp. for 22 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Albion American Legion.

He was born April 9, 1932 in Hindman, Ky., to Charles and Hazel (Slone) Daniels and they are deceased.

On Aug. 31, 1957 he married Juanita Gooslin in Hindman and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are: three sons, Bobby Daniels of Albion, Douglas Daniels of St. Joe, and David Daniels of Garrett; two daughters, Gracie Talley and Sharon McNutt, both of Garrett; two brothers, Bill Daniels of Greenwich, Ohio, and Doug Daniels of Waverly, Ohio; a sister, Ruth Honeycutt of Wallen Creek, Ky.; and four grandchildren.

A brother, Raymond, and a grandson, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Wayne Curry officiating.

Friends may call Wednesday and Thursday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Virginia Brake

WATERLOO — Virginia Collingsworth Brake, 43, died Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a Waterloo resident and formerly lived in Indianapolis. She was a 1975 graduate of the Indiana School of the Deaf in Indianapolis.

She was born on June 16, 1954 in Auburn to Charles and Nora (Carroll) Collingsworth.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Don and Nora Greuter of Waterloo; a son, Thomas Brake of Indianapolis; a daughter, Rachel Brake of Indianapolis; a grandmother, Martha Wilcox of Plymouth; two brothers, Charles Jeffery of Garrett and James Collingsworth of Indianapolis; two sisters, Cindy Wines of Bryan, Ohio, and Laurie Barth of Defiance, Ohio; five stepsisters and one granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father, one sister and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Friends may call Thursday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Mary Gajewski

ANGOLA — Mary R. Gajewski, 81, of Angola, died at 1:53 a.m. Tuesday at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born July 24, 1915, in Toledo, Ohio, to Frank and Katarzyna (Glowacka) Kowalec.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW of Toledo and a former member of St. Adalberts Church, Toledo. She also was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

She retired on Dec. 17, 1976, after 30 years with Tillotson Manufacturing, Toledo. She was a machine operator.

Surviving are a son, Norman Gajewski of Angola; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and a brother.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Graveside services are 2:15 p.m. (Ohio time) at Calvary Cemetery, Toledo, Lucas County.

Preferred memorials are to St. Adalberts Development Fund and the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Grace Tubbs

ANGOLA — Grace Tubbs, 62, of Hudson, died at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at her home.

Mrs. Tubbs had worked at the Steuben County Rest Home for three years and was a member of Fairview Missionary Church.

She was born Feb. 6, 1935, in Beattyville, Ky., to Albert and Eliza (Jewel) Creech, who preceded her in death.

On July 18, 1953, she married David Tubbs in Hudson. He survives at home.

Also surviving are four sons, James David Tubbs of Fort Wayne, Daniel Lee Tubbs of Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, and Jeffery Carl Tubbs of Gaylord, Mich.; four brothers Russell Creech of Churubusco, Roy and Ralph Creech of Collins, and Elber Creech of Minneapolis; three sisters, Thelma Robbinson of Largo, Fla., Lou Tubbs of Berne, and Daris Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death in 1996 by a brother, Hal Creech.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller, the Rev. Paul Tubbs and the Rev. Roberta Ring officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice and Good News Bible Club.

Deaths/Funerals

Gary Shrider

HAMILTON — Gary M. Shrider, 50, of 8000 Terry Lake Estates, Hamilton, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shrider was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army, and a former member of the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department. He worked as a barber in Hamilton before retiring in 1981 and was a supervisor for the Indiana Toll Road.

He was born Dec. 31, 1946, in Auburn to Max Lee and Ilene Ruth (Schmitt) Shrider, both now deceased.

On May 22, 1971, he married Darlene Lue Hess in Coesse and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, David E. Shrider of Japan; two sisters, Mrs. Jim (Sandy) Calvin of Wabash, and Mrs. Ron (Roxanne) Burch of Hamilton; one aunt, Mrs. Gerald (Wilma) Day of Hamilton; four nephews, two nieces, two great-nephews and one-great niece.

Funeral services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. A memorial service will be conducted by the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department tonight at 8:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton High School baseball team and the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Grace Tubbs

ANGOLA — Grace Tubbs, 62, of Hudson, died Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Tubbs had worked at the Steuben County Rest Home for three years and was a member of Fairview Missionary Church.

She was born Feb. 6, 1935, in Beattyville, Ky., to Albert and Eliza (Jewel) Creech, who preceded her in death.

On July 18, 1953, she married David Tubbs in Hudson. He survives at home.

Also surviving are four sons, James David Tubbs of Fort Wayne, Daniel Lee Tubbs of Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, Jeffery Carl Tubbs of Gaylord, Mich., and Joel Johnathan Tubbs of Hudson; four brothers, Russell Creech of Churubusco, Roy and Ralph Creech of Collins, and Elmer Creech of Minneapolis; three sisters, Thelma Robbinson of Largo, Fla., Lou Tubbs of Berne, and Daris Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death in 1996 by a brother, Hal Creech.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in the Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller, the Rev. Paul Tubbs and the Rev. Roberta Ring officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials donations may be made to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice and Good News Bible Club.

Kenneth Egolf

LIGONIER — Kenneth R. Egolf, 71, of Ligonier, died at 4:55 a.m. Wednesday in the emergency room of Goshen General Hospital.

He was born March 21, 1926, in Collins to Ross B. and Reatha V. (Geiger) Egolf. On Nov. 4, 1944, in Ligonier, he married Dorothy Tincher. She survives.

Mr. Egolf, a resident of Ligonier since 1939, was a production engineer at Goshen Rubber Co. He retired in 1991. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps and attended Ligonier United Methodist Church. He enjoyed reading, collecting pipes and model building.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Michael Egolf of Bloomington, and Gary Egolf of Lancaster, Pa.; a daughter, Peggy Tope of Rockford, Ill.; two sisters, Janice Egolf and Betty Foredeck, both of Orland; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Egolf, and two brothers, Ed and Frank Egolf.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Mary Munk

ALBION — Mary E. Munk, 94, of Albion, died at 7:40 a.m. Monday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 20, 1902, in Kalkaska, Mich., to John and Adeline (Pankop) Streb. In 1925, she married Melvin Munk in Noble County. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Mrs. Munk, a 1920 graduate of Kendallville High School, attended Muncie Teachers College. A lifetime Noble County resident, she was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Paul Munk of Nightdale, N.C.; a sister, Mildred Nodine of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles and James Munk, and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Burr Oak Baptist Church or Shepherd of the Hill.

Evening Star, Fri., July 17, 1997

Edward Clinton

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Graveside services were conducted Saturday, July 12, in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, for Edward R. Clinton, who died June 12 in his home in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mr. Clinton founded Alaska Valve and Fitting in 1965 and Dowland-Bach Corp. in 1971. He designed and patented low-temperature well head safety systems and held two U.S. letter patents with two others pending.

In 1981, Mr. Clinton was Alaska's Small Business Man of the Year and served on the executive committee of the SBA National Advisory Council from 1984-1988. He was the first chairman of the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. He was a member of the American Society of Metallurgical Engineers and the American Society of Metallurgists, He was on the boards of directors of the Alaska Mutual Bank, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, and the Anchorage Museum Foundation.

He was born Feb. 2, 1937 in Trafford, Pa. He was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

On June 28, 1967, he married Barbara Ellen Shook in Auburn. She survives in Anchorage.

Also surviving are two daughters, Ann Catherine Clinton and Amy Elizabeth Clinton, both of Anchorage; and two sisters, Grace Gunderman of Pitcarin, Pa., and Elizabeth Crayne of Verona, Pa.

A memorial service was conducted June 17 at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art's Rasmuson Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Walter Poe**, 78, died Tuesday. Graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday in Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Doris G. Shaw**, 94, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Friday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Thompson Cemetery, Gaston.

Deaths/Funerals

Carroll Blackwell

FORT WAYNE — Carroll D. Blackwell, 77, died Thursday in his Fort Wayne home.

Born in New Haven, Mr. Blackwell was a lifetime Allen County resident. He owned Blackwell's Department Store in New Haven for 48 years before retiring in 1996.

Mr. Blackwell was a member of St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. He was a World War II U.S. Army Veteran and was a member of the Howard W. Bandelier Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2457 and the New Haven American Legion Post 330.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Blackwell of Fort Wayne; two sons, Stephen Blackwell of Auburn and Mark Blackwell of Valparaiso; two daughters, Deb Mustard of Fort Wayne and Julia Gelinas of Indianapolis; a brother, Richard O. Blackwell of New Haven; four sisters, Georgianna Langhorst of East Lansing, Mich., Rosie Dehner of Fort Wayne, Patty Gotta of Lake Wawasee, and Sharon Bamberger of Castleton, N.Y.; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church, 3333 E. Tillman Rd., Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. A prayer service will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to Masses and St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church.

Berniece Kelsey

WILLSHIRE, Ohio — Berniece L. Kelsey, 75, of Willshire, Ohio, died at 2:50 p.m. Thursday in Van Wert Manor Nursing Home, Van Wert, Ohio.

Mrs. Kelsey was a homemaker and a member of Countryside Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Jan. 28, 1922, in Willshire to Clifford and Zelma (McQueen) Pond, both now deceased.

On June 8, 1940, she married Ray H. Kelsey Jr. He preceded her in death on April 1, 1989.

She is survived by three sons, Bruce L. Kelsey of Auburn, Ronald L. Kelsey of Mansfield, Texas, and Jerry A. Kelsey of Berne; a daughter, Louise R. Vanover of Willshire; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1957, and a sister, Maxine Briner.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Lowell Miller officiating. Burial will be in Willshire Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Jill M. More**, 48, died Thursday. Services at 6 p.m. Saturday in First Church of God, Columbia City, with calling 4-9 p.m. today and 1-6 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Stephen Blomeke

BISMARCK, N.D. — Stephen L. Blomeke, 50, of Bismarck, N.D., died Thursday at 8:40 a.m. in Mid Center One Hospital, Bismarck.

Mr. Blomeke, a DeKalb County native, was the director of the National Wildlife Federation's Prairie Wetlands Center and had lived in Bismarck for the past four years.

A story in the Bismarck Tribune said Mr. Blomeke defended the interests of wildlife and habitat against competing land use practices of agriculture and mining. A Sierra Club spokesman told the Tribune, "Even his adversaries respected his knowledge, intelligence and fairness."

Another North Dakota environmentalist said, "There is politcial respect for the voice of hunting, fishing and conservation groups that wasn't there before 1994 when Steve came. That's his legacy."

Mr. Blomeke was born May 29, 1947, in Garrett, to Louis George and Marie M. (Ellert) Blomeke. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Auburn.

He lived most of his life until his college years in Hamilton and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1965. He was a 1969 Purdue University graduate and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Surviving, along with his mother, are four brothers, David J. of Auburn, Patrick H. of Waterloo, Jerry F. of Fargo, N.D., and Charles L. of Berne; three sisters, Linda M. Clifton of Hamilton, Sharon K. Erman of Biloxi, Miss., and Denise I. Sexton of Algonquin, Ill.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted Monday at noon in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn with Father Paul D. Miller of Holy Family Catholic Church officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 5-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, or 1 1/2 hours prior to services at the church Monday.

A Christian wake service will be conducted Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Wildlife Federation.

Mary Schwab

ALBION — Mary Jane Schwab, 83, of Albion, died at 7:40 p.m. Thursday in McCray Memorial Hospital at Kendallville.

Mrs. Schwab, a lifetime area resident, had been employed at the former Albion National Bank. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

She was born Dec. 23, 1913, in Ligonier, to Hugh C. and Mattie L. (Agee) Lundy. On Aug. 31, 1934, in Spencerville, she married Von Schwab. He preceded her in death April 7, 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Avon and Bonnie Schwab of Clawson, Mich.; five grandchildren, Charles, Laura, Robert, Randy and Rick; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Memorial donations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion are preferred.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Erma A. Rensner**, 87, of Kimmell died Friday in Goshen. Calling is 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Visitation is also one hour prior to services, which begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sparta United Church of Christ, Kimmell. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

John Kelly

BRISTOL — John R. "Jack" Kelly, 72, died Saturday at 4:55 a.m. in his home. He had been ill with leukemia since January 1996.

He was founder and chief executive officer of Kellmark Corp., Elkhart, a manufacturer of religious calendars and greeting cards. He was formerly with Messenger Corp. of Auburn. He lived in Bristol 23 years.

Kelly

He was a 1954 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor of science degree in business. He served with the 249th Engineer Combat Battalion with Gen. George Patton's Army, earning the American Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Medal.

He was a member of St. Mary's of the Annunciation church in Bristol, Christiana Creek Country Club, Elkhart, the Auburn post of the American Legion, Elks lodges in Auburn and Elkhart, and the Elkhart Moose Lodge.

Mr. Kelly was born Nov. 28, 1924, in Chicago to the late George N. and Rose Mary (Dunbar) Kelly.

He married Jacqueline Joan Bowers on June 6, 1953, in Fort Wayne and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Kathleen Sullivan of Bristol; three sons, George M. and James K., both of Bristol, and Vincent P. of Elkhart; and two sisters, Betty Kees of Elkhart and Mary Goltry of Terre Haute.

One brother, Bernard J. Kelly, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-7 p.m. in Vincent Kelly's home, 3231 Greenleaf Blvd., Elkhart. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's of the Annunciation church, Bristol, with the Rev. Father James Seculoff officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elkhart Hospital Hospice, St. Mary's Building Fund, and the Basic Adult Education Center.

Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Judith Charles

GARRETT — Judith Rae Charles, 49, died Saturday at 7:15 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and lived on East King Street in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 2, 1947, in Hazard, Ky., to the late Roy and Pauline Combs.

Surviving her are two daughters, Cindy Mead and Christie Slone, both of Garrett; one sister, Carolyn McCosh of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

One sister, Peggy Helbilig, preceded her in death.

Services were conducted today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Pastor Lane Andrews and Pastor Robert Hicks officiated, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Hazel Hissong

AUBURN — Hazel T. Hissong, 83, died Sunday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Hissong was a cafeteria worker for the DeKalb Central United School District for 18 years, retiring in 1986. She lived on Pearse Avenue in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 21, 1913, in DeKalb County to the late Willard and Daisy (Walker) Childs.

She married Garl Hissong on Jan. 6, 1932, in Auburn, and he died Feb. 4, 1994.

Surviving her are three sons, Steven of Auburn, Richard of Kendallville and Robert of Corunna; one daughter, Phyllis Payton of Auburn; one sister, Dorothy Kline of Edon, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Ralph Childs, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Karen Koelsch of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Mary Smith

GARRETT — Mary Mildred Smith, 93, died Sunday at 3:05 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and lived on County Road 21, Garrett. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, where she served in many capacities. She was the Teacher of the Year at the church in 1985.

She was born April 28, 1904, in Carroll County, to the late Ira and Mary Etta (Hatter) Goe.

She married Ashton V. Smith on Sept. 2, 1922, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died Jan. 29, 1978.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Chester and Bette Smith of Holland, Mich., Estelle and Betty Smith of Garrett, and Homer and Gloria Smith of Twelve Mile; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lois Stebing of Auburn, Ramona and Eston Rohm of Auburn, and Violet and Larry Hansche of Upland, Calif.; two sisters, Ada Nicholas and Leah Hay, both of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Mildred John and Ethel Smith, both of Auburn; 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son-in-law, John Stebing, two grandchildren and two sisters.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Rick Garmon officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn

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Alfred Bauman

KENDALLVILLE — Alfred C. Bauman, 84, of rural Kendallville, died at 10 a.m. Saturday in his home.

He was born Aug. 16, 1912, in Noble County, to Walter L. and Beulah M. (Gard) Bauman. On Jan. 15, 1942, he married Ruth Mary Thomas. She survives.

Mr. Bauman, a farmer, was a lifetime Noble County resident. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mary Eikenberry of Alpharetta (Atlanta area), Ga., and Karen Slaten of Chattanooga, Tenn.; a son, Ernest W. Bauman of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Tom, Jon and Don Eikenberry and Amanda Slaten, all of Tennessee, and Lisa and Lindsay Miller, both of Noble County; two sisters, Beatrice Truelove of Angola and ODonna Uhl of Albion; and two brothers, Carl R. Bauman of Auburn, and Robert E. Bauman of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Bauman and a son-in-law Robert Slaten in 1996.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville, with the Rev. Donna L.A. Glazier officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to CompreCare of Noble County or Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Frank Moore

HUDSON — Frank W. Moore, 84, died Friday at 6:30 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Moore was born Oct. 9, 1912, in Detroit to Clarence and Mabel (Apps) Moore. He was a mail carrier in Detroit for 31 1/2 years, retiring in September 1976. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church, Angola.

He married Edith M. (Sally) Littlefield in Detroit and they moved to the Hudson-Ashley area in 1977.

Surviving are his wife, Sally; a daughter, Jacqueline Torzewski of Texas; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Faith Baptist Church, Angola, after 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the church with Pastor J. Arnold Fair officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Esther Nelson

FORT WAYNE — Esther Nelson, 84, of Fort Wayne, died at 1:56 a.m. Saturday in Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She was born Fort Wayne and was a lifetime resident. She was a homemaker and member of the New Apostolic Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Williams of Fort Wayne; two sons, Lester Nelson of Union City, Ohio, and Dale Nelson of Mishawaka; three brothers, Glenn Leazier and Vern Leazier, both of Fort Wayne, and Charles Leazier of Columbia City; two sisters, Joan Krempel of Fort Wayne, and Deloris McCarty of Fremont; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Nelson Sr., in 1973, and a son, Robert Nelson Jr. earlier this year.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in New Apostolic Church, 3401 Terry Lane. Burial will be in Jefferson Chapel Cemetery, Whitley County.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana.

Mary Clingan

HUDSON — Mary Louise Clingan, 74, of Hudson, died at 4:04 a.m. Sunday in the emergency room of DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, after becoming ill at home.

She was born in DeKalb County, south of Helmer on Aug. 27, 1922, to Granville and Beth (Bonbrake) Eckert. On Jan. 1, 1943, in Angola, she married Waldon "Bub" Clingan, who survives.

Mrs. Clingan, a graduate of Salem Center High School, had lived in rural Hudson since 1944. She was a homemaker and attended Hudson United Brethren Church where she served as Sunday school treasurer for more than 30 years.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Sally Lepley of Grabill; four sons, Bill Clingan, Bob Clingan, Ron Clingan and Perry Clingan, all of Hudson; three brothers, Owen Eckert and Eugene Eckert, both of Waterloo, and Wayne Eckert of Helmer; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis Eckert.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Austin Harts

ST. JOE — Austin H. Harts, 89, died Sunday in DeKalb Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Harts was a self-employed sales representative for 40 years. He lived in St. Joe after spending most of his life in Fort Wayne. He was a native of Peru, Ind. He was a member of Liberty Mills Nazarene Church and formerly belonged to the Fairfield Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Feb. 12, 1908. His wife, Velda E. Harts, died in 1977.

Surviving are three sons, Stephen E. Hartz of Spencerville, Michael K. Harts of Cedar Lake and David D. Harts of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Paula J. Roberts of St. Joe, Rebecca K. Cain of Plymouth, Mich., Dianne L. Woodworth of Waterloo and Debra D. Barton of Kokomo; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Hahn, and two brothers.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Liberty Mills Church of the Nazarene, Liberty Mills Road, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the church. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte Smith

GARRETT — Charlotte J. Smith, 81, died Sunday at 2:51 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Smith worked with her husband at Smith's Texaco and in the dietary department at Garrett Hospital, retiring in 1978. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett and lived on South Cowen Street, Garrett.

She was born June 11, 1916, in Putnam County, Ohio, to the late David and Luncinda (Eagleson) Beck.

She married Walter Smith on Aug. 20, 1934, in Bowling Green, Ohio, and he died in 1974.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Smith of Garrett and Dorothy Dell of Fort Wayne; one son, Walter Smith Jr. of St. Joe; one brother, Merle Beck of Rudolph, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Art, Roy, Alford, Orville and Harvey Beck, and three sisters, Gayle Good, Cora Sanders and Flossie Folk.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will take place in Pleasant View Cemetery, Rudolph.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Forest Rodman

ELKHART — Forest "Pete" Rodman, 79, of Elkhart, died at 6:43 p.m. Wednesday.

He was born May 23, 1918, in Albion, to James Franklin and Eva May (Hanson) Rodman. On June 29, 1942, in Augusta, Ga., he married Wava Mae Miller. She survives.

Mr. Rodman, a World War II veteran of of the U.S. Army, was a member of the Cleveland Township Volunteer Fire Department. He retired in 1978 from Conrail after 35 years of service. He also drove a school bus for the Cleveland Center School, was a farmer and drove truck for Kindir Mfg. of Elkhart. He was a member of United Transportation Union Elkhart Local 1620.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Ernest Rodman and Keith Rodman, both of Elkhart, and Dale Rodman of Dowadgiac, Mich.; three sisters, Mary Keller of Kendallville, and Wava Duckworth and Pauline Meyer, both of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Charles Rodman of Kendallville, Howard Rodman of Ligonier, Ralph Rodman of Kimmell, and Kenneth Rodman of Corunna; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and nine brothers.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11 a.m. in Warner Funeral Home, Osceola, with the Rev. Michael Fisher officiating. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Preferred memorials are to Grace Bible Church building fund.

Kathleen Fizer

HUDSON — Kathleen J. (Erikson) Fizer, 65, of Hudson, died at 12:55 a.m. today in the home of her daughter in Hudson.

She was born in Hammond, Nov. 8, 1931, to Eugene and Ethel (Anson) Cross. Her first husband Donald Erikson preceded her in death. Her second husband Robert D. Fizer also preceded her in death .

Mrs. Fizer, a graduate of Hammond High School, had lived in rural Wolcottville and Fremont before moving to Hudson. She was a homemaker and a floral designer in Hammond. She drove a bus for the Prairie Heights School Corp. for 12 years. She was affiliated with the United Methodist Church in Hammond and was a former member and past matron of Abbey Hansen Order of the Eastern Star and Amaranth.

Surviving are a daughter, Kristen Hancock of Hudson; a son, Leif Erikson of rural LaGrange; five grandchildren, Andrew, Aaron and Amy Mote and Neils and Britt Erikson; and two great-grandchildren, Ashley Mote and Charles Erikson.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dean Cross, and a sister, Margaret Hoffman.

There will be no services or visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

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Nanette Green

AUBURN — Nanette Green, 53, died Monday at 4:38 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for two weeks.

She was a homemaker and an avid animal lover. She had lived in rural Auburn since 1986 and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Green was born Feb. 2, 1944, in Eldorado, Ark., to the late Paul and Nawassa (Stephens) McGaskill.

She married William R. Green on April 22, 1964, in Cleveland, Miss., and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael W. of Bastrop, La., and William R. Jr. and Ronnie D., both of Auburn; two daughters, Denise D. Woods of Wawaka and Kayla J. Coleman of Bastrop; two brothers, Robert L. McCaskill of Eldorado and William T. Mann of Rapid City, S.D.; two sisters, Margaret A. Sercy of Salisbury, N.C., and Linda J. Metcalf of Jonesville, Mich.; and 12 grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home by the Rev. Rick Garmon of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Flora Clark

ANGOLA — Flora Alice Clark, 80, of Angola, died Tuesday at 5:08 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Clark retired after 15 years as a clerk for the Steuben County Co-op. She was a member of the Friendship Club.

She was born April 4, 1917, in Steuben County to Maurice and Gladys (Michael) Cooper.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, in 1966.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Clark of Angola; two sons, Ronnie Clark and Larry Clark, both of Angola; five grandchildren; a sister, June Champion of Orland; and a brother, Wendell Cooper of Fremont.

Friends may call from 6-9 tonight at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to Rise Inc.

Jacob Crubaugh

ORLAND — Jacob Lewis "Jake" Crubaugh, 63, of Orland, died Tuesday at his home.

Mr. Crubaugh was retired from Dana Weatherhead, Angola, and was working at Jellystone Campground.

He was born June 20, 1934, in Clinton, Ill., to Cleve and Goldie (Hunter) Crubaugh.

On April 18, 1976, he married his wife of 21 years, Betty Jo, who survives at home.

Also surviving are nine daughters, Betty Lou Crubaugh, Loretta Stephens and Jackie Davis, all of Angola, Nancy Hart and Edith Walker, both of Coldwater, Mich., Judy Brandon of Waterloo, Rose Marie Brewer of Bronson, Mich., Cathy Schoum of Fort Wayne, and Paula McElwain of Sturgis, Mich.; five sons, Robert Crubaugh of Ohio, Donald Crubaugh of Coldwater, Eddie Crubaugh of Norwalk, Ohio, and Donald and Dewey Imse, both of Fremont; 31 grandchildren; three sisters, Connie Spears of Sturgis, and Rosemary Parker and Ruth Hemming, both of Chicago; and two brothers, Cleve of Louisiana, and Jerry of Cicero, Ill.

Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Graveside military rites and burial will be conducted at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Joan Dettling

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas — Joan Gold Dettling of Fredericksburg died July 2 in Houston after a five-year illness.

She taught in the Houston school district for several years and then became a counselor at Alief Hastings High School for 29 years .

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Tony Dettling; seven brothers and sisters; and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her foster family, Carol and Dave Waymire, Lisa Hinds, Marci Reistroffer and John Waymire all of Houston; and foster grandparents, Carl and Bertha Waymire of Pleasant Lake.

Funeral services were conducted July 5, with burial and graveside service July 7 in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Aaron Smith

PLEASANT LAKE — Aaron Marc Smith, 24, of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday at 11:05 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Smith, a 1991 graduate of Angola High School, received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology from Tri-State University in 1996. He had worked in the maintenance department at TSU.

He was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, and a former member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 3, 1972, in Angola to Ronald and Donna (Williamson) Smith, who survive at home in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are two sisters, Neysa Smith of Angola and Lynette Smith of Pleasant Lake; his maternal grandfather, Gleason Williamson of Waterloo; and his paternal grandparents, Robert and Mildred Smith of Mesa, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Martha Williamson.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Carter Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorial donations may be made to Gideon Memorial Bibles.

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Elnora Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Elnora Zimmerman, 79, of Angola, died Tuesday at 1:45 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was the retired owner of Petras Enterprises, Clear Lake, and the Fremont Health Food Store, Fremont. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters of Fremont, a Cameron hospital volunteer, and a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 28, 1917, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Fred and Zila (Thompson) Kimpel.

Surviving are her husband of eight years, George Zimmerman, at home; a son, David Petras of Angola; three daughters, Shirley Cox of Rockville Md., Mary Draper of Mannington, W.Va., and Helen Hall of Moorhead, Minn.; two stepsons, George Zimmerman of Brooklyn, Mich., and David Zimmerman of Osseo, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Ann Gardner of Portage, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Rodger Kimpel of Edgerton.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Nick, in 1978; a granddaughter and six sisters.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Kenneth Redmann officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Cameron Hospital or the Diabetes Association.

Cecil Jackson

ASHLEY — Cecil D. Jackson, 81, of rural Ashley, died at 4:40 a.m. today in the emergency room of DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, after becoming ill at home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Marcella Hodge

SOUTH MILFORD — Marcella M. Hodge, 77, of South Milford, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange. She had been in failing health seven months.

She was born May 14, 1920, in Noble County to Ezra and Hazel (Stevenson) Bidwell. On Aug. 27, 1938, in Leesburg, she married George W. Hodge, who preceded her in death Oct. 5, 1986.

Mrs. Hodge had moved from Noble County to South Milford 50 years ago. She was a homemaker and member of Wolcottville American Legion Auxiliary, the South Milford Friendship Club and South Milford Extension Homemakers' Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Douglas Fennell of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Sandra Hodge of Wolcottville, and James and Linda Hodge of Kendallville; a brother, Lamar "Tim" Bidwell of Helmer; eight grandchildren, Steven Hodge of Wolcottville, Kevin, Klent, Nicole, Amanda and Brock Hodge, all of Kendallville, Jamie Smith of LaGrange, and Mark Fennell of Elkhart; and five great-grandchildren, Melissa, Brian and Joe Hodge of Wolcottville, and Alexis and Ashley Smith of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church or South Milford Fire Department.

Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Daisy E. Howe**, 105, died Tuesday. Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Jude Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive, with calling from noon until services.

CHURUBUSCO — **Charles N. Bower**, 87, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

HOWE — **Everdine Hensmanns**, 96, died Tuesday. Memorial services at 4 p.m. (EDT) Saturday in Sturgis, Mich.

Deaths/Funerals

Cecil Jackson

ASHLEY — Cecil D. Jackson, 81, of rural Ashley, died at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital emergency room.

He was born in Borden July 25, 1915, to George and Eula (Teives) Jackson. On Oct. 4, 1938, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, he married Delores C. Gaetz. She survives.

Mr. Jackson, who had resided in rural Ashley since 1936, helped to build the original water storage tank in Ashley in 1936. He was a retired machine operator at Borg Warner (Auburn Gear) in Auburn. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, and Fremont Moose Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Rose Marie Grogg of rural Hudson; five sons, Larry Jackson of Ashley, and Tom Jackson and John Jackson, both of Hudson, Jerome "Jerry" Jackson of Fremont, and Edward Jackson of Superior, Colo.; three sisters, Geneva Trotter of Indianapolis, Evelyn Sweeney of Henryville, and Helen Gehlhausen of Bristol; two brothers, Elmer Jackson and Raymond Jackson, both of New Albany; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 11 brothers.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenrod officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Church Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8:30 p.m. today in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, where the rosary will be recited at 8:30 p.m. today. Additional visitation is one hour before services Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care or Masses to the church.

Richard Hess

AVILLA — Richard H. Hess, 83, of Avilla, died at 5 a.m. today in Northgate Health Facility in Marion following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 9, 1914, in Swan Township near Avilla to Henry and Rena (Truelove) Hess.

Mr. Hess was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

Surviving is a sister, Mary Atkins of Auburn; and four nieces.

A brother, Roger, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Gregory Van Dyne

ANGOLA — Gregory D. Van Dyne, 31, of Angola, died July 11 following an auto accident in Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Van Dyne had attended Angola High School.

He was born Jan. 29, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Roger and Kathay (Proxmire) Van Dyne, who survive at home in Homosassa, Fla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine M. Van Dyne; two sisters, Shawnee Likes of Angola, and Angela Mack of Homosassa; his grandparents, LaVon Proxmire of Fort Wayne, and Wayne and Anna Van Dyne of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Wilder/Fountains in Homosassa. A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Church of God, Silver Lake, Angola, with the Rev. Terry Larimore officiating.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **John Earl Neufer**, 71, died Tuesday. Memorial services Aug. 3 in Walnut Creek, Calif.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Daisy Gratz Fisher** 82, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — **Sophie E. Vonderau**, 75, died Thursday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Alessandro Palermo

FORT WAYNE — Alessandro (Alex) Palermo, 95, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at 2:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Palermo was employed at International Harvester, Fort Wayne, retiring in 1962 with 30 years of service. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven, and the Sons of Italy Lodge.

He was born in Italy on Jan. 5, 1902. On June 20, 1929 he married Venera Vastano and she preceded him in death on March 1, 1983.

Surviving are: two sons, Nick and Frank of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Phyllis Gurtner of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Donato, of Italy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven, with Mr. Palermo's grandson, the Rev. Mark A. Gurtner, officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, or one hour prior to services Monday at the church. A rosary and vigil service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven.

Area Deaths

MERRIAM — **Paul J. Van Dolick**, 60, of Noble Township near Merriam, died at 4:10 p.m. Thursday at his home. He had been in declining health since October. A Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in Immaculate Conception Church at Ege, with Father Sextus Don and Father Danny Pinto officiating. Friends may call at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 3-7 p.m. The Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the family plot at Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

The Evening Star, Mon., July 28, 1997

Deaths/Funerals

Adda Fulk

SCOTTVILLE, Mich. — Adda J. Fulk, 93, died Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Rosewood Adult Foster Care, Scottville, Mich.

She was a homemaker and lifetime Garrett resident until moving to Ludington, Mich., six years ago. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Athene Reading Club, and the Garrett United Methodist Church and its Women's Society.

Mrs. Fulk was born Sept. 9, 1903, in Albion to the late Bert and Essie (Abel) Williams.

She married John F. Fulk on June 27, 1925, in Coldwater, Mich. He died May 3, 1962.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Hunt of Ludington; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Grace Barnes and Madge Spitzer, and one brother, Dale Williams, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Mason County, Mich., in care of 10 Atkins Drive, Suite 3, Ludington, MI 49431.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Wurm

FORT WAYNE — Paul R. Wurm, 73, died Saturday at 10:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was an inspector for Dana Corp. of Fort Wayne for 38 years, retiring in 1986. He lived in Corunna for 29 years before moving to Fort Wayne three years ago. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of American Legion Post 47, a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Leo and Cedarville, and a foster parent for 25 years for the DeKalb County Welfare Department.

Mr. Wurm was born Aug. 15, 1923, in Payne, Ohio, to the late Victor and Martha (Doctor) Wurm.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Wurm of Fort Wayne; four sons, Paul J. Wurm, Adam J. Wurm and Joseph A. Sumner, all of Fort Wayne, and Wayne Sumner of Angola; six daughters, Paula Lipp and Beverly J. Messman, both of Fort Wayne, Valerie J. Deam of Spencerville, Leslie J. Ralston and Roberta L. Wurm, both of Avilla, and Barbara J. Wurm of Auburn; two sisters, Kate Halsey of Cleveland, Ohio, and Marilyn Molargik of Garrett; four brothers, Vince of Lake James, Angola, Don of Colorado Springs, Colo., Charles of Fort Wayne and Victor of Monroeville; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Clare Jewell of Lakewood Park Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Military graveside services are pending.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Foster Parents Program of the DeKalb County Welfare Department or to the family.

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Drusilla Lentz

FORT WAYNE — Drusilla L. Lentz, 58, died Saturday in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She was employed at Woodside Middle School in the Southwest Allen County school district for 20 years, retiring in 1994. She was the present grand marshal of the International Order of the Ameranth and was past royal matron of Anthony Wayne Court 3, Order of Amaranth. She was a member of Delta Chapter 159 of the Order of Eastern Star in Ferriday, La.

She was born Sept. 22, 1938, in Monroe, La. Her mother, Adella Preston, survives in Ferriday.

Also surviving are her husband, Jonathan R. of Roanoke; two sons, Richard L. of Auburn and Stephen L. of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one daughter, Linda L. of Indianapolis; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral home, Winchester Road Chapel, Fort Wayne. An Order of the Ameranth service will be conducted Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Inc. of Shrine Hospitals for Children.

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Marilyn Rice

FORT WAYNE — Marilyn L. Rice, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Friday in her residence.

Mrs. Rice had been employed by Value City Department Store for 27 years.

Surviving are her husband, Robert P.; four daughters, Rhonda Edwards of Clawson, Mich., Amy Perrey of Fort Wayne, and Dee Cock and Karen Brockhart, both of Angola; three sons, Rick Haupert of Wolcottville, Randall P. Rice of Anchorage, Alaska, and Dan Rice of New Haven; two sisters, Anna Clymer of Fort Wayne, and Margaret Culbertson of New Haven; two brothers, Bill Burns and Arthur Burns, both of New Haven; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to research for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Robert Cleland**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Burr Oak Baptist Church, Albion. calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **A. Dale Gonserm**, 68, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Bruce Provines

AUBURN — Bruce A. Provines, 75, died Monday at 3:05 p.m. in his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Provines was a self-employed farmer for 50 years. He was a member of First Christian Church, Auburn, where he was an elder and board member. He was a 1939 graduate of Auburn High School. He was a board member of the Roselawn Cemetery Association and a former board member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born Oct. 1, 1921, in Jackson Township to the late Kent and Ruth Ann (Draggoo) Provines.

He married Minnie A. Reinoehl on Dec. 30, 1950, in Ashley and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James A. of Hamilton and Steven R. of Auburn; one daughter, Janice E. Haskins of Auburn; one brother, Hubert of Auburn; three sisters, June Diehl of Waterloo, Jean Surface of Auburn and Eleanor Smith of Garrett; six grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Dr. Richard Moore, former pastor of First Christian Church, will officiate, with burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or DeKalb County Hospice.

James Corcoran

FORT WAYNE — James E. Corcoran, 30, died Saturday at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Corcoran was a co-owner of Elite Painting Co. and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 16, 1967, in Fort Wayne to the late Jack and Kathryn (Mishler) Corcoran.

Surviving him are his fiancée, Sandra Moyer of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Kelly Nieto of Fort Wayne and Kim Brown of Angola; a grandmother, Barbara Corcoran of Fort Wayne; and a niece, Melanie Nieto of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Kevin Loughram of Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Juanita Kuhlman

SANTEE, Calif. — Juanita "Neetie" Kuhlman, 95, died Sunday in Santee, Calif.

She received teaching credentials from Tri-State College in Angola and taught second and third grades in DeKalb and Steuben counties for 25 years. She retired in 1968.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Auburn. She moved from Auburn to Santee, Calif., in 1974 and was a member of the Santee United Methodist Church.

She was born March 23, 1902, in Attica near Hamilton to the late William C. and Lizetta Brown.

She married Russell Kuhlman on July 14, 1926, and they were divorced in 1960.

Surviving are one son, Dale; three grandchildren, Kenneth, Kristin and Craig; and two great-grandchildren, Rebecca and Kevin.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard, in 1939 and a brother, Hollis.

A memorial service will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in Santee United Methodist Church. A graveside service will be conducted Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Lakeside Santee Funeral Chapel, 9840 Maine Ave., Lakeside, Calif., and Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton are in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Lothamer

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley Ann Lothamer, 50, died at 12:27 p.m. Monday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health since October 1996.

She was born in Kendallville April 30, 1947, to Raymond J. and Ruby (Gibson) McCoy. Her mother survives in Avilla. On Nov. 27, 1965, in Ege, she married Paul A. Lothamer. He also survives.

Mrs. Lothamer was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Surviving with her husband and mother are a daughter, Tonya Poage of Kendallville; four sons, John Lothamer of Paulding, Ohio, Paul Lothamer of Wolcottville, Ray Lothamer of Kendallville, and Chris Lothamer of Lansing, Mich.; a sister, Nancy Nevil of Albion; two brothers, Larry McCoy of Butler and Tony McCoy of Churubusco; and 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Sherry Lang

LAOTTO — Sherry Lu Lang, 43, of rural LaOtto, died unexpectedly at 1 a.m. Monday in her home.

She was born Jan. 26, 1954, in LaGrange, to Shirley and JoAnne (Surfus) Garrison. They survive in Kendallville. On Nov. 2, 1974, in Roanoke, she married Douglas R. Lang. And, he also survives.

Mrs. Lang had worked at Lincoln Life Insurance in Fort Wayne in the retransformation department for 20 years.

Surviving with her husband and parents are a son, Clifford Lang of LaOtto; a daughter, Melissa Lang of LaOtto; four sisters, Sue Maxson and Peggy Johns, both of Kendallville, Sandy Davis of Park City, Utah, and Patty Leathers of Rome City; and her maternal grandmother, Loena Surfus of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, 500 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Leslie E. Dubois**, 84, died Feb. 21 in Florida. Graveside memorial services at 11 a.m. Friday in Whitley County. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Walter W. Maley Sr.**, 67, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today and 2-9 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dale E. Norris**, 80, died Sunday. Services are pending through Smith & Sons Funeral Home. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Wilda M. Robinette Snyder**, 98, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Huey Shepherd

WATERLOO — Huey Shepherd, 84, died today at 6 a.m. in his granddaughter's home on County Road 32.

He was a former employee of Plymouth Foundry in Plymouth, Ohio, and was a lifelong resident of Shelby, Ohio. He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church at Shelby.

Mr. Shepherd was born Sept. 12, 1912, in Floyd County, Ky., to the late George and Mary (Thacker) Shepherd.

He married Madelyn Hall on Jan. 19, 1972, in Mansfield, Ohio, and she died March 19, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, Commodore of Rome City and Buford of Corunna; two daughters, Maggie Collins of Rochester and Geneva Hauger of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Nancy Shepherd and Mary Shepherd, both of Shelby; one sister, Oma Shepherd of Shelby; 16 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, five stepgreat-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepson, David Hall; four brothers, Tensley, Malcom, Ezra and Hollie; and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville, with calling at the church after 10 a.m. The Rev. Leburn Combs will officiate.

A second service will be held Thursday at noon (Ohio time) at Freewill Baptist Church, Shelby, with calling after 11 a.m. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery, Shelby.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice.

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Deaths/Funerals

Shannon Lewis

HAMILTON — Shannon J. Lewis, 52, died Monday at 4:17 p.m. in his Hamilton home.

Mr. Lewis was an engineer for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 33 years. He was a lifetime resident of Auburn and Hamilton, and a 1963 graduate of Auburn High School. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited.

He was born April 14, 1945, in Auburn to Irvin W. and Betty Winn (McCullough) Lewis. His mother survives in Garrett and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are one daughter, Heather; two sisters, Janlee Winn Myers of Fort Wayne and Michaele R. King of Savannah, Ga.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Garrett Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors provided by the funeral home.

Sherry Lu Lang

LAOTTO — Sherry Lu Lang, 43, of rural LaOtto, died unexpectedly in her residence at 1 a.m. Monday.

She was born Jan. 28, 1954, in LaGrange, to Shirley and JoAnne (Surfus) Garrison. They survive in Kendallville. On Nov. 2, 1974, in Roanoke, she married Douglas R. Lang. He also survives.

Mrs. Lang had worked for Lincoln Life Insurance in Fort Wayne for 20 years.

Surviving with her husband and parents are a son, Clifford Lang and a daughter, Melissa Lang, both at home; four sisters, Mrs. Alan (Sue) Maxson and Mrs. Kenneth (Peggy) Johns, both of Kendallville, Mrs. Paul (Patti) Leathers of Rome City, and Mrs. David (Sandra) Davis of Park City, Utah; and a maternal grandmother, Loena Surfus of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. today in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, 500 S. Randolph St., Garrett with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Janice C. Parish**, 58. died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dale E. Norris**, 80, died Sunday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there one hour before services.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lillian Hile

AUBURN — Lillian Hile, 80, died Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born Aug. 2, 1916, in Chicago.

Surviving her are two sons, John of Churubusco and Clifford Jr. of Belding, Mich.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Butler Cemetery, with Father Raymond Balzer of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, officiating. There will be no calling.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Victor Bretz

ANGOLA — Victor J. Bretz, 85, died Thursday at 3:06 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bretz, a Fremont High School graduate, was a farmer and operated the Bretz General Store in California Corners, Mich. He was a member of Fremont Moose Lodge 2387 and California Corners United Presbyterian Church.

He was born Sept. 1, 1911, in Steuben County to John and Mary Alice (Thrasher) Bretz.

On April 16, 1932, he married Hazel Bretz, who preceded him in death on June 16, 1993.

He is survived by two daughters, Joan Newberry of Montgomery, Mich., and Susan Stetler of Fremont; two sisters, Pauline Walsh of Garrett, and Mary Ethridge of Huntertown; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a companion, Rae Jean Chaudoin of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Thelma Brandeberry; and a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Newberry.

Services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in California Corners United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery at California Corners.

Memorial donations may be made to California Corners United Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Harry Umbaugh

ANGOLA — Harry B. "Red" Umbaugh, 83, of Angola, died Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Umbaugh owned the Campus Barber Shop in Angola. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola Odd Fellows Lodge.

He was born Jan. 19, 1914, in Ohio City, Ohio, to Alonzoe and Lavinia (Hipsher) Umbaugh.

On July 25, 1934, he married Isabel "Pat" Umbaugh, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janet Umbaugh Freed of Fremont; and a sister, Evelyn Chase of Avon, Conn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Lloyd, Floyd , Robert and Vaughn; and two sisters, Mary Jane Umbaugh and Freda Adams.

Graveside serves will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Juanita Kuhlman

SANTEE, Calif. — Juanita V. Kuhlman, 95, of Santee, died Sunday at Beverly Manor in La Mesa, Calif.

Mrs. Kuhlman taught second- and third-grade classes in DeKalb and Steuben counties for 25 years before retiring in 1968. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Auburn.

She was born March 23, 1902, in Attica, Ind., to William C. and Lizetta (Robinett) Brown, both now deceased.

She married Russell Kuhlman on July 14, 1926, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Dale Kuhlman of California, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside memorial services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Hamilton Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

There will be no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Orpha Bates

KENDALLVILLE — Orpha Bates, 77, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly at 3 a.m. Thursday in her residence.

She was born in Kendallville Jan. 15, 1920, to Alva and Elsie Mignon (Hills) Acker. On Nov. 21, 1953, in Angola, she married Beryl C. Bates. He preceded her in death Oct. 9, 1993.

Mrs. Bates, a lifetime Kendallville resident, had worked for McCray Memorial Hospital 18 years. Prior to that she worked at Universal Friction and Flint & Walling Mfg. She was a member of Beacon Baptist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Frank Freed and Terry Smith, both of Kendallville, and Dale Freed of Elkhart and Jack Freed of Lafayette; a sister, Kathryn Luke of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Roy Acker and Robert Acker, both of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stratman officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Walter A. Schauweker Jr.**, 72, of Avilla, died at 10:04 p.m. Wednesday. Graveside services Saturday. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Katherine F. Addis**, 91, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Lucille Smith

ASHLEY — Lucille M. Smith, 67, died Thursday at 5:18 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Smith worked as a cook in several area restaurants and lived in Ashley.

She was born Sept. 1, 1929, in DeKalb County to the late Ray W. and Mabel (Knisely) Littlefield.

She married Rolland Smith on July 3, 1951, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are one brother, Ray Littlefield of Waterloo; and two sisters, Edith Moore of Hudson and Betty Wells of Corunna.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Dr. J. Arnold Fair, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Angola, will officiate. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Area Deaths

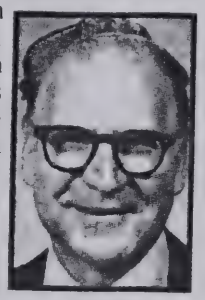
ALBION — **Hollas L. Simmons**, 70, died Friday at his rural Albion home. Services Monday at 10 a.m. at New Life Fellowship Church of God in Columbia City. Calling 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the church and one hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Lawrence Healy

AUBURN — Lawrence Edward Healy, 76, died Saturday at 6:30 a.m. in Auburn Health Care Center.

Mr. Healy was a machinist for Warner Gear in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 1977. He was also a real estate agent for Ed Perkins Real Estate in Auburn for several years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force.



Healy

He was born Feb. 2, 1921, in Butler to the late Fredrick L. and Lydia A. (Rease) Healy.

He married Sandra M. Immel on Nov. 15, 1958, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jerry of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Mark of Auburn; three daughters, Carolyn Stayer of Waterloo, and Sindy Coons and Stephanie Crager, both of Auburn; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Clair and Ellen Immel of Butler; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Five sisters and six brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Clair Immel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Auburn American Legion Building Fund.

Ruth Bohn

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Bohn, 80, died Saturday at 9:40 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bohn was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne and had taught at Crescent Avenue Weekday School for 27 years. She was a charter member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

She was born May 23, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Franklin and Helen Ruth (Miller) Hazzard.

She married Carl Bohn on June 7, 1938, at New Albany. He died in 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Murdock of Auburn and Kathleen Leahy of Woodburn; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A son, Stephan P., preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave. Pastor Otto Krupski will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Holy Cross Lutheran School or Worship for Shut-ins.

Alice Brooks

SEBRING, Fla. — Alice Jean Brooks, 83, of Sebring, Fla., died Saturday in Sebring.

She ran a gift shop in Kingsley, Mich., and was a member of the Sebring Women's Club and National Rehabilitation Association. She graduated from Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., and was a counselor for a rehabilitation program for the state of Michigan.

She was born March 6, 1914, in Pleasant Lake to Clarence and Bernice (Lemmon) Brooks, who preceded her in death.

Surviving is a brother, Maurice Brooks of Daytona, Fla.

Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Mabel Marie Forker**, 81, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

KIMMELL — **Zelma Spencer**, 93, died Saturday. Services at 10:30

COLUMBIA CITY — **Melvin H. Woll**, 85, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Glendolene Ginder

BUTLER — Glendolene B. Ginder, 83, died Tuesday at 3:05 p.m. in her Ivy Lane home in Butler.

Mrs. Ginder was retired from serving as a cook and cafeteria manager for Butler schools for 24 1/2 years. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born May 5, 1914, in Defiance County, Ohio, to the late Frank and Mae (Roop) Spires.

She married Earl Ginder on June 27, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Donald of Cromwell, Phillip of Huntertown, and Dennis of Auburn; two daughters, Marilyn Yoder of Fort Wayne and Carol Krontz of Kendallville; 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Three sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2:30-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach, Pastor Brenda Ginder, and DeWayne Ginder will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, rural Butler.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice.

Henry Rigsby

FORT WAYNE — Henry Victor "Vic" Rigsby of Boswell, 70, died at 6 a.m. Sunday in Regency Place, Lafayette.

He was born May 2, 1927, in Zag, Ky. He married Eleanor Schueler. She survives in Cromwell.

Mr. Rigsby had lived in Fort Wayne and Cromwell before moving to Boswell 5 years ago. He was a lineman for American Electric Power of Fort Wayne, a Fort Wayne city utility. He was a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, a life member of Fort Wayne Musicians Union Local 58, was cofounder of the Northern Indiana Blue Grass Association and other blue grass associations. He formerly was named Indiana State Champion Fiddle and Banjo Player and was leader of Endangered Species Band. He also served in the Marine Corps and was a well-known humanitarian making others happy.

Surviving are his companion, Carol William of Boswell; his wife of Cromwell; his mother, Clella Rigsby of Fort Wayne; three sons, Henry V. Rigsby Jr. and Vernon Wayne Rigsby, both of Fort Wayne, and Jacob Johnson Rigsby of Cromwell; a daughter, Judith Lengacher of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Dawn Goebel of Griffith; seven sisters, Martha Longardner of Churubusco, Josephine Johnson and Silva Martin of LaGrange, Barbara Smith of Stuart, Fla., Birdeen Walker of Hemet, Calif., Mae Belvin of Auburn, and Janice Miller of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Ray Rigsby, Ted Rigsby, both of Elkhart, Harold Rigsby of Huntsville, Ala., Michael Rigsby of Springfield, Ohio; and Kenneth Rigsby of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Keith Rigsby; a daughter, Betty Bennett; and his father, Henry J. Rigsby.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Yuill-Shoemaker Funeral Home, 106 S. Smith St., Boswell, with the Rev. Don Smith officiating. Burial will be in Boswell Cemetery, Boswell.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today in the funeral home,

Preferred memorials are to Heart Association or Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Hazel M. Wonderly**, 76, died Monday morning. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Pansy E. Wade**. 94, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

LIGONIER — **Jerry LeMieux**, 76, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Gordon Sams

HUDSON — Gordon M. Sams, 67, of Hudson, died Monday at 6:38 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sams graduated from Flint High School in 1947 and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a farmer and a 20-year employee of Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

He was a 41-year member of Orland American Legion Post 423; a member of the 40 & 8 Voiture No. 483; a member of Nightcrawlers; the current president of the Steuben County REMC board of directors and a 33-year member; a director of Wabash Valley REMC and a past president of its board of directors; a member of the National Horseshoe Association; a charter member of the Stroh Horseshoe Palace; a charter member and board member of the Steuben County Antique Power Association; a member of the Northeastern Steam and Gas Association of LaGrange County; and a member of the Jackson Township Advisory Board. He attended the Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 15, 1929, in Cleveland to Benjamin and Vera (Mundy) Sams, who preceded him in death.

On Sept. 1, 1951, he married Barbara (Hoyer) Sams, who survives at home. Also surviving are a son, David Sams of Hudson; a sister, Gene Bauck of Seminole, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe and the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mount Zion United Methodist Church Building Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Eicher

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Mary Eicher, 82, of Leo-Cedarville, died Tuesday at 10:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home at Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Ridgeview Amish Mennonite Church in Harlan.

She was born May 2, 1915, in Cedar Creek Township in Allen County to Michael Eicher Sr. and Lydia (Schlatter) Eicher.

Surviving is a sister, Anna Eicher of Leo-Cedarville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Eicher Jr., who died July 23, 1991.

Friends may call after 7 tonight and after 10 a.m. Thursday at Ridgeview Amish Mennonite Church on Roberts Road in Harlan.

Funeral services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the church, with Lester Zehr and William Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Agnes Witmer

LEO — Agnes (Graber) Witmer, 76, died today at 1:52 a.m. in her Leo home.

Mrs. Witmer was a homemaker and seamstress, and a member of North Leo Mennonite Church in Leo.

She was born Dec. 8, 1920, in Allen County to the late Ben and Anna (Liechty) Graber.

She married Ralph W. Witmer on Aug. 25, 1940, in Leo Mennonite Church, and he survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Deloris Martin of Harlan, Lois (Mrs. Sam) Schwartz of New Haven, Donna (Mrs. William) Miller of Wayland, Iowa, Karen (Mrs. Earl) Jacquay of Leo, and Janice (Mrs. Lanny) Kimes of Middlebury; two brothers, Glen Graber of Lakeland, Fla., and Harry Graber of West Liberty, Ohio; one sister, Marie Graber of Leo; 18 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Carol Stamm and Lillian Hartman, and two brothers, Ed and Raymond Graber, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in North Leo Mennonite Church.

Funeral services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Doug Zehr and the Rev. Charles DeSanto will officiate, with burial in Leo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or Parkview Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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Deaths/Funerals

Edith Alwood

ANGOLA — Edith Mae Alwood, 74, of Angola, died Wednesday at 5:32 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a homemaker.

She was born May 4, 1932, in Hudson to Charles and Elizabeth (Kogin) McClish, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Kent Alwood of Fremont; four grandchildren; and a sister, Charletter Thursh of Orland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samual, in 1994, and a grandson.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with Bishop Tom Wilson officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Disease Research Fund.

Sharon Bernadin

ANGOLA — Sharon F. Bernadin, 59, of Angola, died Tuesday at 9:09 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was a former employee of Angola Burger King and a former employee of Rise Inc., Angola.

She was born April 10, 1938, to Waveland and Fawn Bernadin, who preceded her in death.

Surving are a friend, Elaine Zimmer of Angola, and aunts and cousins.

Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Parker Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations to Rise Inc. are preferred.

Elwood Brown

AUBURN — Elwood "Woody" Brown, 69, of Auburn, died Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born March 12, 1928, in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending with McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Deaths/Funerals

Elwood Brown

AUBURN — Elwood "Woody" Brown, 69, of Auburn, died Wednesday at 6:24 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown retired in 1988 with 25 years of service as a supervisor at Warner Gear in Auburn. He was a member of First Christian Church, Auburn, and was a 1946 graduate of Auburn High School. He was a lifetime resident of Auburn.

He was born March 12, 1928, in Auburn to the late Ralph and Helen (Place) Brown.

He married Joyce A. Engle on June 13, 1948, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Terry L. of Kendallville; two daughters, Sandy K. Kessler and Suzy M. Timmerman, both of Auburn; five grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Brian Wilcox, pastor at Cedar Lake Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

John McMahon Sr.

FORT WAYNE — John P. McMahon Sr., 55, died Wednesday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Mr. McMahon was a sales representative for Wiese Planning & Engineering for 15 years and a Fort Wayne resident. He also had property at Hamilton. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, American Legion Post 82, and vice president of Northside Recreation Center. He was a charter member of Knights of Columbus.

He was born Jan. 17, 1942, in Fort Wayne to John T. and Katherine P. (Habecker) McMahon.

Surviving him are his wife, Sandra S.; three sons, John P. Jr., Timothy R. and Matthew J., all of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mindee N. McMahon of Fort Wayne; one brother, Kevin T. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary K. McMahon of Fort Wayne and Elizabeth Hire of Florida; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Molly, in 1971, and a sister, Kathleen Maloney.

Friends may call today from 3-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Prayers will be said Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home. A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St. Father Kenneth Alt will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the John P. McMahon Sr. Memorial Fund.

F. Dale Berkey

LAKE PLACID, Fla. — F. Dale Berkey, 73, of Lake Placid, Fla., died at 1:50 a.m. Wednesday in his residence.

He was born in Warsaw, Dec. 11, 1923, and had lived at Lake Placid for the past four years moving from Kendallville.

Mr. Berkey was a retired tool and dye maker and a member of the Fort Wayne Lions Club.

Surviving are his wife, Marcella; his mother, Vera M. Berkey of Kendallville; three sons, Michael Berkey and Denny Berkey, both of Kendallville, and Brent Berkey of Rome City; three daughters, Carol Smith of Angola, Carla Gray of Kendallville, and Sally Brown of Racine, Wis.; a sister, Mary Louise Buesching of Bradenton, Fla.; 19 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Ron Pennekamp of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Additional funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Trinity Lutheran Church in Lake Placid, with the Rev. Richard A. Norris officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund, 25 Lakeview Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852, or to Good Shepherd Hospice, P.O. Box 1884, Sebring, FL 33871.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of local arrangements and Scott Funeral Home in Lake Placid, is in charge of arrangements in Florida.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Anna Kretler**, 83, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Calling 5-9 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Pearl M. Augustine Igney**, 76, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today.

Violet Ricketts

BUTLER — Violet O. Ricketts, 75, died Thursday at 4:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Ricketts was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was a member of the Newville United Methodist Church.

She was born May 28, 1922, in Fort Wayne to the late Elijah and Margaret (Bogner) Saylor.

She married Howard Ricketts on May 22, 1949, in Butler, and he survives.

Surviving are one daughter, Judy (Mrs. Frank) Strong of Fremont; one brother, Charles Kelly of Yoder; three sisters, Dorothy Cox of Payson, Ariz., Charleen Fretz of Sun Lakes, Ariz., and Cathleen Sebring of Butler; and one granddaughter, Stephanie Strong of Fremont.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Deaths/Funerals

Frank Curcio Sr.

BUTLER — Frank James Curcio Sr., 59, of rural Butler, died Thursday at 9:20 p.m.

Mr. Curcio was a 38-year resident of Butler and worked as a maintenance mechanic at C.C.I. in Huntertown for eight years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from Jan. 25, 1956 to Jan. 23, 1959.

He was born April 10, 1938, in Ballston Spa, N.Y., to the late George Frank Curcio and Palmina Califano Purdy.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Jr. and Jeremy, both of Butler; three daughters, Lisa New and Lydia Leon, both of Garrett, and Lorraine Link of Butler; three sisters, Margaretta Kilburn of Ballston Spa, N.Y., Nancy Knowlton of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Mollie VanWagner of Abbeville, Ala.; a foster brother, C.J. Fuller of Corunna; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a companion, Mary Hummon of Butler; and former wife Martha Curcio of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lelani Curcio, who died in 1967.

Friends may call Sunday from 3:30-9 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice.

Thomas Harrell

HUDSON — Thomas E. Harrell, 80, of Hudson, died Thursday at 2 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harrell was a maintenance engineer for 22 years, retiring in 1980 from the Fort Wayne Community Schools. He was a World War II Army veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart. He worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ.

He was born Aug. 24, 1916, in Gas City to Thomas and Mary (Williams) Harrell, both now deceased.

On Dec. 25, 1940, he married Marjorie Cathers in Huntington and she survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are two sons, Jack Harrell of Pleasant Lake and Jeff Harrell of Garrett; two daughters, Judy Johnson of St. Joe and Joan Shewell of Salem; one sister, Iris Koughn of Huntington; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Thomas Harrell, in 1951.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Robert Kirtland officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stroh Church of Christ building fund.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Frederick E. H. "Fritz" Franz**, 83, of Wolcottville, died Friday at 1:27 a.m. in his residence. Funeral services 11 a.m. Monday in Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville. Calling Sunday 6-8 p.m. at the church.

SOUTH WHITLEY — **Jason A. Attebury**, 14, of South Whitley, died Wednesday at home. Funeral services 1 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Deaths/Funerals

Sally Walsh

AUBURN — Sally J. Walsh, 82, died Friday at 9:15 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was co-owner with her husband of the Western Auto Store in Auburn for 16 years. She was also a sales clerk for Schaab's Department Store, the Boston Store and Blackwell's Department Store, all in Auburn., She was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. She lived in Auburn since 1952.

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She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, and was a former den mother for the Boy Scouts. She worked as a volunteer with the Christmas Bureau and Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Mrs. Walsh was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Amory, Miss., to the late William P. and Molly J. (Moore) Cheek.

She married Frank J. Walsh on June 3, 1946, in Amory, and he died in 1968.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Tom Smith of Auburn; one son, Ed J. of Indianapolis; one sister, Mary Dell Trible of Greenwood Springs, Miss.; and three grandchildren, Todd J. Smith of Syracuse, and Troy D. and Tyson L. Smith, both of Auburn.

Two brothers, R.T. Cheek and W.P. Cheek, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A Christian wake service will be held today at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at noon in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 11 a.m. Father Mark Gurtner, associate pastor at St. Vincent Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb High School athletic department.

Elizabeth Griffis

ANGOLA — Elizabeth Ann Griffis, 70, of Angola, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Griffis, a homemaker, was born May 1, 1927, in Sturgis, Mich., to George and Mary (Harris) Frame.

On May 27, 1950, she married Richard Griffis, who survives at home. Also surviving are a son, Greg Griffis of Angola; two daughters, Cindy Plank of Panama City, Fla., and Susie Hammel of Angola; a brother, Bob Frame of Charlevoix, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Cremation is Tuesday at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Betty Starkey

WATERLOO — Betty Starkey, 75, of Waterloo, died Friday at 3:30 p.m. in her home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church of Waterloo.

Mrs. Starkey was born Sept. 11, 1921, in Iowa to the late Floyd and Nellie Rynearson.

Surviving with her husband, Karl, are two sons, Mike Starkey of Auburn and Jim Starkey of Elkhart, and two grandchildren, Jeff and Jenny Starkey.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Waterloo Cemetery, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in change of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Waterloo.

Herman Norden

AVILLA – Herman H. Norden, 90, of Avilla, died at 6:20 p.m. Saturday in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, Garrett.

He was born Dec. 31, 1906, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Henry H. and Anna (Brandt) Norden. On April 2, 1938, in Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, he married Mela A. Sundermann. She survives in Avilla.

Mr. Norden, a retired carpenter for Carpenters Local 232, had lived in the Avilla community for 40 years. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla snd Carpenters Local 232 in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Betty Heiman of Avilla, Doris Hess of Huntertown, Bonnie Buuck of Ossian and Janet Hackman of Columbus; two sons, Donald E. Norden of Avilla, and Martin H. Norden of Garrett; 21 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church building fund.

Joseph Miller

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph Allen Miller, 65, of Wolcottville, died at 8:50 a.m. Saturday in his residence. He had been in failing health the past 10 months.

He was born in Hudson, Aug. 25, 1931, to Cecil and Bessie (Perkins) Miller. His mother survives in Wolcottville. On June 26, 1953, in Ashley, he married Melba Stevens, who also survives.

Mr. Miller was a maintenance worker at Newnam Foundry from 1953-93. He was U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley.

Surviving with his wife and mother are three sons, Alan L. Miller of Lindale, Texas, Denis L. Miller of Corunna and Bruce L. Miller of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; four sisters, Marjorie Mitchell of McArthur, Ohio, Ann Miller of Ligonier, Judy Harter of Gas City, and Jane Shibler of Lake James; five brothers, Russell Miller of Arizona, Gene Miller of Kendallville, David Miller of Greenville, S.C., Paul Miller of Waterloo, and Tom Miller of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Emery B. Kintner officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley.

Gerald Grover

ALBION — Gerald N. Grover, 99, died at 7:25 p.m. Friday in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Syracuse.

He was born March 29, 1898, in Auburn, to Joseph N. and Ida C. (Weaver) Grover. In 1918, he married Ethel Snyder and she preceded him in death in 1981.

Mr. Grover, a lifetime area resident, retired as a salesman for Standard Oil Co. after 32 years. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion and the Masonic and Shrine lodges.

Surviving are three daughters Frances Thomas and Doris Rimmell, both of Albion, and Patricia King of Florida; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Grover; a daughter, Jean Coverstone; and a sister, Thelma Beilharz.

Private family services were held at 2 p.m. today in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Frank Barcus officiating. Burial was in Rose Lawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Madeliene L. Hile**, 90, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Calling 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

LAGRANGE — **Chancey Kauffman**, 81, died at 12:50 a.m. Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Helen M. Burbank**, 84, died at 9:20 a.m. Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Barbara Ludwig

AUBURN — Barbara J. Ludwig, 74, died Sunday at 7:15 a.m. in her Auburn home.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Mrs. Ludwig was born Dec. 9, 1922, in Monticello, Ill., to the late Donald E. and Mable (Waltz) Bradley.

She married J. Robert Ludwig on Sept. 1, 1941, in Fairmont, Ill., and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Judith Ann (Mrs. Robert) Battig of Garrett and Patricia Sue Musser of Kendallville; one brother, Dr. Richard E. Bradley of Crossville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley of St. Mark's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Deaths/Funerals

Milton Seehawer

FREMONT — Milton Seehawer, 92, of Fremont, died Monday at 12:45 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Seehawer was a member of the Steuben County Contractors Club and Fairview Missionary Church, Angola. A graduate of Orland High School, he was a self-employed crane operator and he wired the first houses in Orland to have electricity.

He was born April 15, 1905, in Syracuse to August and Emma (Winkenberger) Seehawer.

On March 26, 1933, he married Velma (Warner) Seehawer, who survives at home in Fremont. Also surviving are a daughter, Loraine Deller of Lake James; three sisters, Erna Seehawer of Orland, Martha Wilson of Baltimore, and Meta Bushong of Syracuse; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Carol Bickle in 1992; and three sisters, Margaret Seehawer, Ida Ernsberger and Olive Steinmetz.

Friends may call from 6-8 tonight at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Dorothy Garber

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy V. Garber, 79, of Fort Wayne, died at 5 a.m. Monday in her home.

She was born Feb. 11, 1918, in LaGrange County, to LeRoy and Vesta V. (Leas) Phovemire. She married Ray E. Garber and he survives.

Mrs. Garber, a homemaker, was nearly a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Linda J. Fremion of Hudson, and Phyllis Joan Monesmith of Fort Wayne; two sons, Ted R. Garber of Fort Wayne, and James M. Wilson of South Milford; 16 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Dr. Don Reed officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

M. Scott Twaits

KENDALLVILLE — M. Scott Twaits, 25, died Sunday at 11:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, following an auto accident on Saturday.

He was born in Kendallville on Jan. 12, 1972, to Melvin and Jo Ann (Meade) Twaits. His father survives in Kimmell and his mother and stepfather, Jo Ann and David Goodman, survive in LaGrange.

Mr. Twaits, a U.S. Army veteran, was a member of Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

Surviving with his parents are two daughters, Grace Stevens of Kendallville, and Brandi Nicole Twaits of Ashley; his companion, Jennifer Stevens of Kendallville; two sisters, Melanie Creek of Huntertown, and Sue Browning of Albion; a brother, Troy Prater of Kendallville; and his grandmother, Ruby Meade of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Anthony Prater, his grandfather, Astor Meade and stepgrandparents, Clint and Ellen Goodman.

Funeral services will be Bethel Christian Baptist Church near the junction of U.S. 6 and Ind. 9, west of Kendallville, with the Rev. Chris Mosley, the Rev. Charles Mosely and the Rev. James Owens officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is after 4 p.m. today at the church where additional services will be held at 7 p.m. today.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, in charge of arrangements.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorthea Chittenden

GARRETT — Dorthea A. Chittenden, 65, died Tuesday at 7:38 a.m. in her home on South Peters Street.

Mrs. Chittenden worked as a group leader at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1991. She was a member of Hope Alive Church in Avilla.

She was born Feb. 28, 1932, in Noble County to the late John N. and Leila F. (Smith) Berkes.

She married Elbert Hugh Chittenden on June 11, 1960, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael of Garrett; three daughters, Tammy Johnson and Sandra Stevens, both of Garrett, and Kimberly Kessler of Auburn; three brothers, Keith Berkes and Allan Berkes, both of Fort Wayne, and Delois Zimmerman of Mentone; three sisters, Kathleen Harrold of Fort Wayne, Evelyn Himes of Warsaw and Dolores Hyde of Mentone; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kerry Hugh; two brothers, John and Max Berkes, and one grandson.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home by Pastor Paul Spychalski of Hope Alive Church, Avilla. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to DeKalb Hospice, Hope Alive Church or First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Clella Rigsby

WOLCOTTVILLE — Clella Ann Rigsby, 91, died Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. in Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She was born in Morgan County, Ky., Dec. 11, 1905, to Edward and Lucinda (Crouch) Payton. On Nov. 18, 1926, in Kentucky, she married Henry Rigsby. He preceded her in death Jan. 18, 1989.

Mrs. Rigsby had lived in Fort Wayne nine years, moving from Wawaka. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are seven daughters, Martha Longardner of Churubusco, Josephine Johnson and Silva Martin, both of LaGrange, Barbara Smith of Stuart, Fla., Birdeen Walker of Hemet, Calif., Mae Blevin of Auburn, and Janet Miller of Fort Wayne; five sons, Ray Rigsby and Ted Rigsby, both of Elkhart, Harold Rigsby of Huntsville, Ala., Michael Rigsby of Springfield, Ohio; and Kenneth Rigsby of Churubusco; three brothers, Walter Payton and Dillard Payton, both of Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Victor Payton of Trenton, Ohio; 47 grandchildren; 87 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Henry Rigsby, Aug. 3; two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Church of God, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian Van Osdol officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is today from 2-8 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Preferred memorials are to the First Church of God in LaGrange.

Candace Green

CARMEL — Candace Green, 84, of Carmel died at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Green had been a member of North Scott Ladies Aide and the Homemakers Club. She graduated from high school in Camden, Mich., and was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Angola to Peter and Rosa (Hanna) Wolf.

Surviving are a son, Jon Green of Las Cruces, N.M.; two daughters, Nancy Buchanan of Carmel and Kristene Hanna of Angola; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald Green, in 1972; a sister, Clela Wolf; and a brother, Clair Wolf.

Friends may call Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home, with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations to Angola United Methodist Church are preferred.

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Marion Walter

COLUMBIA CITY — Marion E. Walter, 64, died Monday at his Columbia City home.

He worked for B.F. Goodrich for 25 years, retiring in 1994. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force, and a native of DeKalb County.

Surviving him are his wife, Mitzi; one son, Michael L. Walter of Angola; one stepson, Kent Mitchell of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Evelee Roop of Kendallville, Danette Stewart of Yoder and Tamara Reeves of South Bend; three brothers, Ford and Frank, both of Hamilton, and Howard of Auburn; two sisters, Ruth Smith of Fort Wayne and Helen Wunderlin of Auburn; and four stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with entombment at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indiana University Foundation, School of Medicine, for Alzheimer's Disease, P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Ellen Weirich

KENDALLVILLE — Ellen C. Weirich, 77, of Kendallville, died at 2:30 a.m. today in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Auburn on May 18, 1920, to Russel and Alice (Smith) Pontius. She married Harold Weirich, who preceded her in death June 29.

Mrs. Weirich, a homemaker, had lived in Kendallville one month, coming from Bristol.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Terry of Kendallville; a son, Walter Vance Jr., address unknown; a sister, Geneva Porter of Stroh; three brothers, Richard Pontius and Allen Pontius, both of Kendallville, and Donald Pontius of Churubusco; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Leitch and Trina Stringfellow.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Owens officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Wunderlin Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Tech. Sgt. Donald E. Wunderlin Jr., 50, died Aug. 4.

He is survived by his stepmother, Helen Wunderlin of Auburn.

A memorial service will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Jude's Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Red Cross, St. Jude's Tuition Assistance Program and Habitat For Humanity.

Sheila Smith

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — Sheila H. Smith, 67, of Federal Way, Wash., died Aug. 12 at her home.

Mrs. Smith, a homemaker, was a resident of the Seattle area for over 36 years.

She graduated from Angola High School in 1948 and married Robert E. Smith of Kendallville on Sept. 4, 1948, in Angola. She was a former member of the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

She was born April 24, 1930, in Angola, to Agnes and Willis Harman.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; her mother, Agnes Harman, of Angola; three daughters, Michelle Sheffield of Powhatan, Va., Yvette of Mount Blanchard, Ohio, and Sheila Ann of Graham, Wash.; a son, Kevin, of Federal Way; a sister, Rosalie Spirek of Hamilton; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was the niece of Walter and Grace Ingledue of Ashley, Ruth Harmon of Angola and Paul McAlpin of Pleasant Lake. She was preceded in death by her father, Willis and a brother, Jack.

Services will take place Friday at 7 p.m. (Washington time) at Steel Lake Presbyterian Church, Federal Way, with the Rev. Gary Hundrup officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct visitation information.

Clella Rigsby

WOLCOTTVILLE — Clella Ann Rigsby, 91, died Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. in Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She was born in Morgan County, Ky., on Dec. 11, 1905, to Edward and Lucinda (Crouch) Payton. On Nov. 18, 1926, in Kentucky, she married Henry Rigsby. He preceded her in death Jan. 18, 1989.

Mrs. Rigsby had lived in Fort Wayne nine years, moving from Wawaka. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are seven daughters, Martha Longardner of Churubusco, Josephine Johnson and Silva Martin, both of LaGrange, Barbara Smith of Stuart, Fla., Birdeen Walker of Hemet, Calif., Mae Blevin of Auburn, and Janet Miller of Fort Wayne; five sons, Ray Rigsby and Ted Rigsby, both of Elkhart, Harold Rigsby of Huntsville, Ala., Michael Rigsby of Springfield, Ohio; and Kenneth Rigsby of Churubusco; three brothers, Walter Payton and Dillard Payton, both of Mount Sterling, Ky., and Victor Payton of Trenton, Ohio; 4[illegible] grandchildren; 87 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Henry Rigsby, Aug. 3; two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Church of God, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian Van Osdol officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation is today from 2-8 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Preferred memorials are to the First Church of God in LaGrange.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Aileen M. Hill**, 84, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Eunice Lucille Schwartz**, 93, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling one hour before services.

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Carl Wilder

ANGOLA — Carl Wilder, 80, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Wilder had been a self-employed bricklayer. He attended the Assembly of God Church.

He was born Dec. 23, 1916, in Continental, Ohio, to S.D. and Nancy (Wilson) Wilder.

On June 6, 1936, he married Lois (Kelley) Wilder, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Jerry Wilder of Fremont; three daughters, Nancy Deller of Fort Wayne, and Patricia Dirrim and Janet Parr, both of Angola; two brothers, Sam Wilder of Helmer and Don Wilder of Angola; three sisters, LaVera Minkie of Fort Wayne, Evelyn Northrup Reese of Mongo, and Kathryn Craven of Edon, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Jay and Robert Wilder; and two sisters, Velma Goudy and Audry Ryan.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Funeral services will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Assembly of God Church, Angola, with Pastor Darold L. Beck officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Marve Leighty**, 75, died Thursday morning. Services at 11 a.m. Monday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 6-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Summer and Cassandra Campbell** infant twins, died Monday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Sunday in South Park Cemetery, Columbia Township. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alma B. Gardner**, 89, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

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Benjiman Duke

WATERLOO — Benjiman Lee Duke, 19, of Waterloo, died Wednesday in an automobile accident in Steuben County.

He was employed as a wire stretcher at Albion Wire in Albion.

He was born Oct. 3, 1977, in Bryan, Ohio, the son of Larry and Debra (Beeman) Duke.

He is survived by his parents, who reside in Waterloo; a son, Cameron Duke of Williams Center, Ohio; a grandmother, Mary Duke of Sherwood, Ohio; a brother, Larry Duke Jr. of Waterloo; two sisters, Kelly Duke of Bryan, Ohio, and Mrs. Dean (Shelly) Eriksen of Waterloo; three nieces, Noel Eriksen, Kaitlyn Kimball and Destiny Duke; and two nephews, Travis Eriksen and Dean Eriksen Jr.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Rice Funeral Home, Sherwood, Ohio. The Rev. Vincent Kroterfield of the Lighthouse Church of God, Hicksville, Ohio, will officiate. Burial will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Family and friends may call in the funeral home Sunday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times). Memorial donations to the family are preferred.

Marion A. Dreibilbis

GARRETT — Marion A. Dreibilbis, 84, died Friday at 10:20 a.m. in the Lakeland Nursing Home at Angola.

He was a conductor on the B&O Railroad for 38 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles, all in Garrett, and he was an honorary member of the Fort Wayne Beagle Club. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Before entering the nursing home, he had resided at Golden Lake since 1975.

He was born Dec. 16, 1912, in Garrett, the son of Alton and Laura (McCartney) Dreibilbis.

He married Jeanette G. Tiebolt on June 3, 1944, in Columbus, Ga. She died Sept. 17, 1983. His parents also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his friend, Marguerite Ward of Ashley, and two cousins, Thurlow Dreibilbis of Columbia City and Duane Dreibilbus of Albion.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. William Haworth presiding.

Friends may call at the funeral home between 9 and 11 a.m. Monday.

Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett. The Garrett posts of the American Legion and VFW will conduct graveside military services.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Marve Leighty,** 75, of Kendallville, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

ALBION — **Richard A. Thrush**, 51, of Skinner Lake, Albion, died Friday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion. Calling 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Armenia Marie Poock**, 89, of LaGrange, died Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Calling 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Majel Moughler

BUTLER — Majel F. Moughler, 88, died Sunday at 9:27 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moughler was a homemaker and lived in Butler before moving to Ossian. She was a charter member of the Stafford Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Esther Circle, church choir and as a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the Wittenburg Guild.

She was born Jan. 22, 1909, in Grant County to the late Hollis and Gail (Hamilton) Knox.

She married Ora D. Moughler on Nov. 24, 1927, in the United Brethren parish in Butler, and he died Aug. 20, 1961.

Surviving are one son, Larry of Butler; four daughters, Ima June Seltenright of Angola, Lila Dohner of Butler, Eileen McKee of Montgomery, Mich., and Linda Moughler of Ossian; three brothers, Florin Knox of Butler, Glen Knox and Bill Knox, both of Auburn; two sisters, Coralle Holman of St. Joe and Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Pete Seltenright and Wilbur Dohner; one grandson, Kim McKee; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth K. Seltenright.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Adam Henderson of Vernon Hills, Ill., will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Nancy Clowser

AUBURN — Nancy M. Clowser, 55, died Sunday at Auburn Health Care.

She was a cook for 12 years at the Summit Club, Fort Wayne. A Fort Wayne native, she formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Robert L.; two sons, Wade Allen Clowser and Dale Adam Clowser, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Betty Ramirez of Corona, Calif.; and two grandsons, Robert John Clowser and Kyle Devon Clowser, both of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Patsy S. Horn**, 54, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

CROMWELL — **Jorge Rodriguez Sanchez**, 29, died Saturday. Services in Mexico. Calling 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Forrest L. "Fritz" Graves**, 84, died Saturday. Services were today in Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Nicholas Raske

ANGOLA — Nicholas H. Raske, 29, of Angola, died Sunday at 10:29 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mr. Raske was a former employee of Angola Die Cast.

He was born July 4, 1968, in Chicago to Nicholas T. and Kathleen (McHale) Raske. His father died in 1992 and his mother survives in Angola.

He married Melissa Mankoski on Feb. 11, 1993, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Roger, Timmy and Brent, all at home; three brothers, Ted, Terry and Roger, all of Angola; a sister, Kelly Raske of Angola; a paternal grandmother, Catherine Raske of Steger, Ill.; and a maternal grandmother, Kay Hull of Angola.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. No funeral services will be conducted.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Melissa Raske.

Robert Wetzel

LEO — Robert C. Wetzel, 73, died Saturday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wetzel was born in Fort Wayne. He lived in Leo for about 30 years before moving recently to Garrett. He retired in 1975 as a truck driver for Pontiac Coal and Oil.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, in 1991.

Surviving are four sons, Rick of Auburn, Mark of Garrett, and Robert C. Jr. and Barry, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sandra Kizer of Harlan; a brother, William of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Allmandinger of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted today in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Majel Moughler

BUTLER — Majel E. Moughler, 88, died Sunday at 9:27 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moughler was a homemaker and lived in Butler before moving to Ossian. She was a charter member of the Stafford Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Esther Circle, church choir and as a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the Wittenburg Guild.

She was born Jan. 22, 1909, in Grant County to the late Hollis and Gail (Hamilton) Knox.

She married Ora D. Moughler on Nov. 24, 1927, in the United Brethren parish in Butler, and he died Aug. 20, 1961.

Surviving are one son, Larry of Butler; four daughters, Ima June Seltenright of Angola, Lila Dohner of Butler, Eileen McKee of Montgomery, Mich., and Linda Moughler of Ossian; three brothers, Florin Knox of Butler, and Glen Knox and Bill Knox, both of Auburn; two sisters, Coralie Holman of St. Joe and Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Pete Seltenright and Wilbur Dohner; one grandson, Kim McKee; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth K. Seltenright.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Adam Henderson of Vernon Hills, Ill., will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Floyd Burlew

LAGRANGE — Floyd M. Burlew, 74, of rural LaGrange, died at 8:55 p.m. Sunday in Carriage Manor Nursing Home in Goshen.

He was born in Hillsdale, Mich., Dec. 23, 1922, to Lawrence and Adaline Burlew. His mother survives in Reading, Mich. In January 1947, in Hillsdale, he married Carrie Farber. She preceded him in death Aug. 9, 1989.

Mr. Burlew was a truck driver for Gateway Trucking in Chicago. He was a World War II veteran and a member of Orland American Legion and VFW in Angola.

Surviving with his mother are three sons, Michael Burlew, Larry Burlew and LeRoy Burlew, all of LaGrange; two stepsons, Kenny Smith and Dale Smith, both of Reading; three sisters, Evelyn Colvin of Orland, and Marie Alspaugh and Valerie Macey, both of Reading; two brothers, Daniel Burlew of Arizona, and Raymond Burlew of Reading; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and father, he preceded in death by a brother, Faye.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Owens officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Myrna R. Killworth**, 66, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 pm. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Helen I. Ernsberger**, 83, died Sunday. Services at 8 p.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Melissa J. "Missy" Creech Walter**, 25, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-9 p.m. Wednesday.

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Margaret Carroll

ANGOLA — Margaret Carroll, 97, of Terre Haute, died Monday at 7:59 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mrs. Carroll was a homemaker. She was born March 8, 1900, in Garrett to Howard Wesley Mountz and Mary Saville (Teeters) Mountz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Charles Carroll, in 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Dr. Mary Ann Carroll of Terre Haute, and Mrs. Robert (Elizabeth) Shearer of Chesterland, Ohio.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Mount Zion Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Glenda Woodcox officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Margaret Carroll Scholarship, in care of Union Hospital Foundation, Terre Haute.

Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Glenna Beer

BERNE — Glenna M. Beer, 86, died Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. in Swiss Village, Berne.

She was a homemaker and a former employee of Winner House in Berne. She was a lifetime county resident and a member of Cross United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Beer was born May 27, 1911, in Adams County to the late Joel and Ida (Stucky) Augsburger.

She married Ermin Beer on June 18, 1932, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1978.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen R. (Mrs. Rolland) Affolder of Muncie and Flossie (Mrs. Robert) Randels of Dallas, Ore.; one son, Roman D. Beer of Angola; three brothers, Walter Augsburger of Decatur, and Dale Augsburger and Carl Augsburger, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Betty Calhoun of Prescott, Ariz., and Lucille Roth of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 3-8 p.m. in Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Cross United Church of Christ, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Mark Steiner will officiate. Burial will be in M.R.F. Cemetery in Berne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church assistance fund or Swiss Village.

W. Clair Walker

WATERLOO — W. Clair Walker, 86, died today at 1 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Walker was a retired Smithfield Township farmer and lived on County Road 39, Waterloo. He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

He was born Dec. 14, 1910, in Waterloo to the late William and Maude (Myers) Walker.

He married Elizabeth Ayers on Aug. 16, 1936, in Angola, and she survives.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Cathy Walker of Waterloo; one daughter, Betty Aksamit of Wheeling, Ill.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Harold, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Brian Wilcox, pastor of Cedar Lake Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Mildred I. Morr

MISHAWAKA — Mildred I. Morr, 82, died Friday at 2:44 p.m. in St. Joseph Community Hospital.

She lived in Mishawaka and had worked as a secretary for General Motors.

She was born Dec. 7, 1914, in DeKalb County, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Olds, who preceded her in death.

She married Jim Morr, who died in 1957.

Survivors include a nephew Tim Wright of Portage, Mich., and a brother Bill Olds, of Avinger, Texas.

Her funeral was conducted Tuesday at the Bubb Funeral Chapel North, Mishawaka, with the Rev. Scott Weaver presiding. Cremation took place at Acacia Park in Birmingham, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made a to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Doris Hurst

WATERLOO — Doris Marie Hurst, 44, died Thursday at 8:15 a.m. in her daughter's home in Fort Wayne.

She worked for Nucor Building Systems, Waterloo, for eight years and lived on East Marion Street in Waterloo.

She was born Jan. 16, 1953, in Chestertown, Md., to George and Ann Williams. Her father survives in Chestertown and her mother is deceased.

Also surviving are three daughters, Shelly Recker and Betty Jo Hurst, both of Fort Wayne, and Robin Stewart of Bryan, Ohio; four sisters, Marlene Hill of Denton, Md., Betty Yoder of Marydale, Md., Ann Kathel of Dover, Md., and Sandy Williams of Chestertown; and three grandchildren, Jacob and Jeard Stewart, and Dallas Recker.

One brother, George Williams Jr., preceded her in death.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date in Chestertown.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Leona Holtzman

FORT WAYNE — Leona F. Bowlby Holtzman, 87, died Wednesday at 12:38 p.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holtzman was a beautician and lived on West Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne.

She was born March 3, 1910, in Keyser, W.Va., to the late Wheeler and Amanda (Fleek) Biser.

She married Wendell Bowlby on Sept. 14, 1930, in Garrett and he died in 1963. She married Donald Holtzman on May 3, 1973, in Mount Ranier, Md., and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Richard Bowlby of Superior, Ariz.; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A twin sister, Leota Oliver, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. There will be no calling.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

William Sabo

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — William S. "Bill" Sabo, 79, died Thursday at 9:05 a.m. in his Hicksville, Ohio, home.

Mr. Sabo retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne in 1977 after 33 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the Antwerp, Ohio, post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hicksville post of the American Legion, and Hicksville Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 3, 1918, in Detroit to the late Joseph and Margaret (Eged) Sabo.

He married Bonnie Gloor on Nov. 10, 1945, in Paulding, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William W. and Rick, both of Hicksville; one brother, Ernie of Antwerp; three sisters, Helen Schliesser of Mark Center, Ohio, Betty Knopp of Fort Wayne and Judy Bell of Hicksville; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Joseph and Steve, one sister, Margaret, and one great-grandson preceded him in death.

Friends may call today after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Hicksville Eagles Lodge will conduct a service today at 7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home, with the Rev. Noah Delagrange officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with graveside military services by Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **William A. Yoder**, 93, died Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the William Schmucker residence, with calling there Saturday and Sunday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Kathryn F. Williams**, 91, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-7 p.m. today.

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Mildred Broxon

ANGOLA — Mildred C. Broxon, 88, of Angola, died at 12:15 p.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 27, 1908 in Allen County to Fred and Cecilia (Gillig) Kinstle, and on June 3, 1937 married Harold M. Broxon, who preceded her in death on March 6, 1993.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Mary Joan Broxon; nine brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Broxon was a homemaker who also worked at Fred Smith's Gift Shop and at Bledsoe's Beach Gift Shop. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Women of the Moose, Angola Chapter 78 Order Eastern Stars and the Steuben County Women's Club, and was a life member of the St. Anthony Rosary Society.

Surviving are one daughter, Catherine Brown of Huntington; two sons, John Broxon of Pleasant Lake and Mark Broxon of Angola; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services are Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Robert St. Martin officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Masses to the St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Donald McBride

FORT WAYNE — Donald M. McBride, 67, died Thursday at 10 a.m. in his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. McBride retired in 1984 after working 15 years at Meadow Gold Dairy. He was a member of the American Legion in Indianapolis and Teamsters Local 414. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born June 11, 1930, in Dover, Ohio, to Malcolm F. and Adelaide E. (Mayberry) McBride.

He married his wife, Betty J., on Oct. 9, 1954, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debbi K. Faurote of Auburn; a son, Don M. McBride Jr. of Albion; a sister, Joan R. Davis of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 6-8 p.m. and Monday after 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Parkview Hospital Continuing Care Center.

Deaths/Funerals

Ralph High

CORUNNA — Ralph Edward "Eddy" Dohner High, 27, died of electrocution in an accident Sunday. He was pronouced dead at 5:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was employed by Halex Co. of Hamilton, and lived on Heenan Street in Corunna.

Mr. High was born March 12, 1970, in Montpelier, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Doris Jean Dohner of Angola, his father and stepmother, Larry and Lana High of Butler, and his stepfather, Norm Dohner of Fremont.

Also surviving are one brother, Norman Dohner of Fremont; three sisters, Angela Renee Richards of Angola, and Sue Simmons and Melinda Cooper, both of Butler; five stepbrothers, Steven Anthony of Kendallville, Neil Anthony of Auburn, Mike Anthony of Leo, Lonnie Fuller of Albion, and Shawn Dohner of Fremont; three stepsisters, Brenda Tanner of Garrett, and Renell Dohner and Michelle Dohner, both of South Bend; his grandparents, Ralph and Plina Vires of Butler, and Merylee Dohner of Hamilton; and his fianceé, Rose Dean, and her children, Misty Rhodes and Ronnie Miller.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. William Graafsma Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Murphy

BUTLER — Robert J. Murphy, 73, died Saturday at 10:30 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Murphy retired in 1988 as a truck driver. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and lived in Butler for 45 years. He was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

He was born Sept. 25, 1924, in St. Paul, Minn., to the late John and Cecelia (Zimmer) Murphy.

Surviving are his wife, Edna E.; three sons, Thomas K. of Avilla, David J. of Huntertown, and Lawrence S. of Churubusco; two daughters, Barbara C. Murphy of Fort Wayne and Sandra A. Moore of Warsaw; three brothers, John of Frederic, Minn., Hugh of Delano, Minn., and Donald of Hillman, Minn.; two sisters, Catherine Howerton of Clayton, Minn., and Cecilia Vartman of Orr, Minn.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday From 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Father John Pfister will officiate.

Dale Jones

SPENCERVILLE — Dale A. Jones, 58, died Friday at 10:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Jones was a truck driver for Dietrich in Hicksville, Ohio, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He lived in Spencerville.

He was born Feb. 8, 1939, in Garrett to Alvin L. and Berniece F. (Pound) Jones. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased.

He married Beverly Johnston on Aug. 29, 1959, in Auburn, and she survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda Ann Daub of Waterloo and Joan Jones of Spencerville; two brothers, Alvin J. of Auburn and Edwin P. of Garrett; one sister, Frieda Smigelski of Lake Geneva, Wis.; and four grandchildren, Ashley Nichole Gick, Danielle Kristine Gick, Dustin Allen Gick and Dylan Michael Carroll, all of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Rita May Jones, in 1988 and one sister, Mary Lou Lallow in 1986.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

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Raymond Harger

HAMILTON — Raymond J. Harger, 85, died Sunday at his Hamilton home.

Mr. Harger was a farmer and member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

He was born Oct. 13, 1911, in Hamilton to the late James E. and Daisy (Earlston) Harger.

He married Eileen (McBride) Harger on May 2, 1936, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Maclyn and Mary Harger of Butler and Richard and Chris Harger of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Jerry Houlton of Angola, and Marilyn and Frank Presley of Hamilton; two sisters, Georgia Westfall of Garrett and Doris Lechleidner of Butler; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. in Oberlin & Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating.

Memorial contributions to the church or the Hamilton Fish & Game Club are preferred.

Clarice Kuckuck

FORT WAYNE — Clarice V. Kuckuck, 97, died today at 2:15 a.m. in Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kuckuck was a homemaker and member of North American Benefit Association.

She was born May 14, 1900, in Monticello, Ill., to the late William H. and Amy Lu (Parry) Lux.

She married Harold W. Kuckuck on Aug. 25, 1927, in DeKalb County, and he died July 9, 1969.

Surviving are one son, David of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Joyce M. of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One son, Ernest O., and one brother, Cecil P. Lux, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with James E. Myers, chaplain of Golden Years Homestead, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Church of Christ, Garrett, or Golden Years Homestead nursing home.

Winfield Weinberg

ORLAND — Winfield Weinberg, 68, of Orland, died Friday at 6:05 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Weinberg was a heavy equipment operator.

He was born Aug. 9, 1929, in Colon, Mich., to Winfield and Ifa Jena (Knox) Weinberg.

On Dec. 31, 1957, he married his wife, Ada, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Renee Jaquay of Mesa, Ariz.; three sons, Rick Jaquay of Coldwater, Mich., and David and Kevin Weinberg, both of Bronson, Mich.; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Joy Wagner of Colon, and Ruby Hart of Burr Oak, Mich.; and two brothers, Loren Weinberg of Bronson and Ferris Weinberg of Marcellus, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steve; four sisters and five brothers.

Services were conducted today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations to Cameron Hospice are preferred.

Area Deaths

LARWILL — **Darlene M. Weimer**, 59, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Cromwell United Methodist Church, Cromwell. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Barney Jones

AUBURN — Barney R. Jones, 74, died Sunday at 4:04 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Until his retirement in 1986, he had been a sales representative for General Broach & Engineeering for 40 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and participated in the Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima campaigns.

Jones

He had lived in Auburn for the past 41 years.

He was a member of American Legion Post 97, the Ancient Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite, the Scottish Rite, and the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine Temple.

Mr. Jones was born Nov. 2, 1922, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to the late Raynor and Loretta R. (Neill) Jones.

He married Irene M. Leech in 1950 in Moneci, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jack and John, both of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Dave Lochner of Auburn; two grandchildren, Aaron and Andy Lochner; and a brother, Albert O. of Fort Wayne.

Private services were conducted and there was no calling.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, the family requests that contributions be sent to the Tom Duesler Medical Trust Fund, 647 Glenwood Lane, Henderson, NV 89015.

Clellan Yeary

CLARKSTON, Ga. — Clellan "Ted" Yeary, 69, died Sunday.

Formerly of Kendallville, Mr. Yeary was retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years. He also worked more than 10 years each at Kraft Foods and Dataplex. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving him are his wife, Joyce A. of Clarkston; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Angie Yeary of Monroe, Ga.; a daughter, Lisa Yeary of Decatur, Ga.; a stepson, Patrick John Schmutzler of Santa Ana, Calif.; his father, Arthur Yeary of Indiana; two sisters, Eula Mansfield of Butler and Mrs. Charles Lee Johnson of Garrett; and one granddaughter, Taylor Danielle Yeary.

Services were conducted today at 2 p.m. in the chapel of A.S. Turner & Sons Funeral Home, Decatur, Ga. Burial was in Floral Hills Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Georgia Cancer Specialist, 2712 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur GA 30033.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Leo Owen**, 85, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Judith Ann "Judy" Forbes**, 53, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 4-7 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lexie Ann Schuman**, 55, died Saturday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

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Homer Dunkley

GARRETT — Homer W. Dunkley, 79, died Tuesday in Theda Clark Hospital, Neenah, Wis.

Mr. Dunkley was a truck driver for Helm Trucking in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Teamsters Retired Club. He lived on Maple Lane in Garrett.

He was born Dec. 15, 1917, in Waupaca, Wis. His mother, Grace (Keech-Dunkley) Wirtz, survives in Waupaca and his father, the Rev. Frank Dunkley, is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Evelyn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jim Rahrig of Garrett, and Karen and Ed Matthias of Arnold, Md.; his twin brother, Horace of Waupaca; and five grandchildren, Joel Rahrig and Jeremy Rahrig, both of Garrett, Janell Martin of Waterloo, Sara Shelton of Hamilton, Ohio, and Kristiane Matthias of Arnold.

A sister, June Lierman, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the the funeral home, with Dr. R. Larry Smith, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating.

Ralph Bodenhafer

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph J. Bodenhafer, 81, died at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday in his residence. He had been ill the past six months.

He was born April 20, 1916, in Kendallville to John George and Bessie Belva (Buda) Bodenhafer. On Feb. 28, 1940, in Kendallville, he married Ruth Overholser. She survives.

Mr. Bodenhafer, a lifetime area resident, was retired from Kendallville Hardware. He owned and operated the A&W Drive-In from 1962-79. He was a former member of the United Methodist Church, Good Sams Camping Club and a former assistant state director, and the I.O.O.F. Lodge. He was also a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Charlene and Ron Upton of Fort Wayne, and Connie and Robert Ashby of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Sharon Bodenhafer of Huntertown; a brother, Rex Bodenhafer of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Robin Ashby, Thomas Ashby, Aimee Jo Ashby, Cheri Hafferkamp and Brenda McBride; and five great-grandchildren.

A brother, Clifford "Biff" Bodenhafer, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before services on Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Esther F. Tarleton**, 70, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Emily Trippel

AUBURN — Emily B. Trippel, 87, died today at 4:30 a.m. in her Auburn home.

She was born Aug. 11, 1910, in LaPorte to the late Joseph R. and Genevieve (Molohon) Blanford. She was a 1928 graduate of Mishawaka High School.

She married Albert W. Trippel on Oct. 25, 1938, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in South Bend, and he survives.

Surviving are one son, Philip J. of Parkersburg, W.Va.; two daughters, Mary Susan Simler of Fort Wayne and Anne Elizabeth Falkner of Greencastle; two sisters, Genevieve Wendzonka and Mary Slick, both of South Bend; and six grandchildren.

One brother, Joseph W. Blanford, and one sister, Nan Kline, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Father Paul Faroh, O.F.M., of St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, and Father Raymond Balzer of Immaculate Conception Church will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church.

Robert D. 'Bud' Mock

EDGERTON, Ohio — Robert D. "Bud" Mock, 67, died Tuesday at his home in Edgerton, where he had lived five months after moving from Guernsey, Ohio.

Mr. Mock retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1970, after 27 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born June 5, 1930, in Butler.

On Aug. 26, 1958, he marred Thelma June Rector in Coolidge, Ariz. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cindy Bridges of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Yvonda Robinette of Fort White, Fla.; one grandson, one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy A. Mock, and a sister, Betty Ruth Scott.

Services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach, pastor of the Butler United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 2–4 and 6–8 p.m. (All times listed are Indiana times.)

Burial will take place in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Community Hospitals of Williams County, Home Health and Hospice Division.

Nolan Lowden

ANGOLA — Nolan C. Lowden, 82, of Angola, died Tuesday at 3:28 p.m. in Angola.

Mr. Lowden had retired in 1975 after 34 years as a machinist for General Electric. He also worked 20 years for Steuben Printing.

He was a member of the International Machinists Union; the G.E. Quarter Century Club; the Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club, known as K9JKF; and St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 29, 1914, in Woodburn to Elmer and Edith (Hannan) Lowden.

On May 17, 1941, he married Jean (Williams) Lowden, who survives at home. Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth DeWayne Lowden of Angola, and Howard James Lowden of Rome Ga.; two sisters, Josephine Smith of Fort Wayne, and Mary Conner of Hicksville, Ohio; four grandchildren, Kenneth, Anna, Berry and Howard Jr.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leslie and Mervil.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Donald E. Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Allen County.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Home Health & Hospice; the Steuben County Council on Aging; Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola; or St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

William Squires

BELLEFOUNTAINE, Ohio — William James Squires, 75, died today at 3:55 a.m. in his home in Bellefountaine, Ohio.

Mr. Squires was an electrician for the New York Central Railroad and retired in 1991 from Tudor Electric Supply Co. in Bellefountaine. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps and a member of the Columbus American Legion. He was an avid bowler.

He was born May 26, 1922, in Peru, Ind., to the late Mahlon and Laura (Whisler) Squires.

He married Norma Watts on Oct. 19, 1952, in Bellefountaine, and she survives.

Also surviving is one sister, Annabelle Squires of Auburn.

Friends may call Friday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in Eichholtz Funeral Home, Bellefountaine.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. The Rev. A.W. Purdy and chaplain Floyd Lundy will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Cemetery, West Liberty, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to Mary Rutan Cardiac Rehab or Tricare Hospice.

Robert DuBois

ALBION — Robert DuBois, 44, of South Bend, died Wednesday in St. Joseph Center Hospital in Mishawaka.

He was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, Nov. 8, 1952, to Harry and Betty (DeLong) DuBois. His father preceded him in death in 1993. His mother survives in Albion.

Surviving with his mother are his stepmother, Jane DuBois of Wawaka; two sisters, Kim Antrup of Auburn, and Mary Wade of Kendallville; four stepsisters, Sandra Knepper of Kimmell, Betty Gawthrop and Mary Yant, both of Elkhart, and Ann Elser of Ligonier; three brothers, Larry DuBois of Garrett, Gary DuBois of Butler, and Bily DuBois of Trinon, Ga.; and a stepbrother, Dave Kinnison of Wawaka.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

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William Davis

PARKHILL, Okla. — William C. Davis, 73, died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Davis was a retired construction lineman and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He lived in Parkhill, Okla., and formerly lived in DeKalb County for 30 years.

He was born May 18, 1924, in Gilminton, N.H., to the late E. Henry and Louise E. (Diselle) Davis. His wife, Sylvia J., preceded him in death in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Julie A. Davis of Tulsa, Okla., and a sister-in-law, Gladys Dye of Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. Curtis Sylvester officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Cleland Deventer

HAMILTON — Cleland Lee Deventer, 65, died Tuesday at 9 p.m. at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

Mr. Deventer founded and operated Toolcraft Inc. of North Carolina and retired from there. He lived in Hamilton and was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

He was born May 18, 1932, in Leo to the late Homer and Myrtle (Akey) Deventer.

He married Rose McNutt on Dec. 17, 1949, in Hillsdale, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ronald of Morganton, N.C.; four daughters, Melanie Cook of Butler, Sandy Emenhiser of St. Joe, Michelle Hockaday of Fort Wayne and Kelly Houston of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one brother, Merton Deventer of Leo; four sisters, Evelyn Walter of Auburn, Eloise Gephart of Fort Wayne, Carol Ahlersmeyer of Fort Wayne and Jean McCann of Butler; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10 a.m. Dale Rabineau will officiate, with burial in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Ralph J. Bodenhafer**, 81, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services on Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Sarah Gail Warrener,**, 17, died Tuesday in a car-semi accident in LaGrange. Services at 4 p.m. Sunday in Trinity Church-United Methodist, Kendallville. Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Saturday in LaGrange United Methodist Church, LaGrange, and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday in Trinity Church United Methodist.

ROME CITY — **Elizabeth Loos Roesler**, 91, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

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Deaths/Funerals

William Davis

PARKHILL, Okla. — William C. Davis, 73, is survived a brother-in-law, Charles Williard of Kendallville. His brother-in-law was not listed in Thursday's obituary.

Mr. Davis died Sunday in Tulsa, Okla. He was a former DeKalb County resident. Services were conducted Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Carl Eugene Coplin**, 71, of Cromwell, died Friday at his residence. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Military graveside services at 2 p.m. in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio.

CHURUBUSCO — **Lewis E. Krom**, 71, of rural Columbia City, died Thursday. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, followed by a Volunteer Firemen's Memorial Service, at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Virginia Vaughn

BUTLER — Virginia I. "Ginger" Vaughn, 75, died Monday at 12:26 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb health care center, Butler.

Mrs. Vaughn was a retired employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler, and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and Churubusco Veterans for Foreign Wars. She was a past member and past president of Butler's American Legion Post 202 Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Fort Wayne to the late James and Agnes (Bortoff) Whitbey.

She married John H. Vaughn on Aug. 10, 1968, in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, James McKean of Butler; two daughters Nancy McKean (Mrs. Bob) Gerber and Georgia (McKean) Wharry; one sister, Hazel Travis of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

One son, Jerry McKean, and one sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Omar J. Stangland**, 83, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Burr Oak Baptist Church near Albion. Calling 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before services at the church Thursday.

KIMMELL — **Letha I. Smith**, 51, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Salem Community Church, Wilmot. No calling.

Margaret Smyth

HAMILTON — Margaret J. Smyth, 71, died Sunday at 8:15 a.m. in her Hamilton home.

Mrs. Smyth was a retired teacher and a graduate of St. Benedict's College in Minnesota. She was a member of Psi Rho Sorority in Hamilton.

She was born Dec. 8, 1925, in Mitchell, S.D. to the late Joseph and Joy (McRoden) Crowley.

She married Charlie Smyth on May 10, 1955, in Thailand, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Joy Bassett of Butler; two sisters, Mary Ann Mason of Chicago and Joanne Crowley of Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. A sorority memorial service will be conducted tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Leitzel of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, rural Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice.

Milton Petre

FREMONT — Milton Frederick "Fred" Petre, 48, died Friday at 3:11 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Petre, a veteran, worked at Randy's Auto Service, Fremont.

He was born March 4, 1949, in Angola to Basil and Betty Lou (Sellinger) Petre.

Surviving are his mother; a son, Matthew James Petre of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter, Kelly Suzanne DePew of Butler; two sisters, Judith Lawrence of Angola, and Ruth Collins of Angola; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Friends may call Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with Kenneth Butz officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

Memorials donations may be made to the family in memory of Mr. Petre.

Harold Nelson

FREMONT — Harold L. Nelson, 78, of Fremont, died Saturday at 9:17 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Nelson was a farmer and owned Hubcap Harold's. He was a graduate of Mongo High School and a member of Fairview Missionary Church.

He was born Feb. 23, 1919, in Mongo to Garfield and Dora (Thomas) Nelson.

On June 1, 1938, he married Lois (Freed) Nelson, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Connie Moeller of Fremont and Sonja Foster of Goshen; a brother, Clifford Nelson of Mongo; a sister, Irene Weiss of Three Rivers, Mich.; eight grandchildren and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and two brothers.

Services were conducted Monday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben Township, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fairview Missionary Church Building Fund.

Willidean Moss

LOGANSPORT — Willidean E. Moss, 68, died Friday at 8:51 p.m. in her Logansport home.

Mrs. Moss was a former sales clerk for Frick Hardware in Fulton, and also had worked for Hamilton Standard of Auburn. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3790 Ladies Auxiliary and Metea Baptist Church.

She was born July 23, 1929, in Rochester to the late Orville and Edith (Smith) Cumberland.

She married Leroy E. Moss on April 30, 1948, in Logansport and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Tim Moss of New York City and Rick and Lynne Moss of Logansport; one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Jim Harness of Lucerne, Ind.; two sisters, Dorla Powell of Hernando, Fla., and Darlene Kuhn of Palmetto, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday in Metea Baptist Church, with Dr. Bryan Clemens officiating. Burial was in Metea Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Lura Kogin

FORT WAYNE — Lura Catherine Kogin, 79, died Friday at 8:55 a.m. in Byron Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1951. She was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

She was born June 24, 1918, in Lakeville to the late Joseph and Lura M. (Egger) Kaufman. Her husband, Denver Paul Kogin, preceded her in death in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Lonsbury of Huntertown and Cathy Thorne of Avilla; three sons, Thomas of Garrett, Fredric of Hoguiam, Wash., and Rex of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Clarice Branstator of Angola, and Grace Ridenour and Vera Hunn, both of South Bend; 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A sister preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Max Smith officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions to the Huntertown United Methodist Church are preferred.

Walter Klinger

AVILLA — Walter W. Klinger, 78, died Saturday at 5:20 a.m. in Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Mr. Klinger was a farmer for 54 years and worked for Skelgas for 16 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene and Work and Witness Mission, building homes in Brazil, Barbados, Mexico, Africa, Venezuela, Jordan, Jamaica and Puerto Rico.

He was born March 10, 1919, in Churubusco to the late William and Blanche (Christlieb) Klinger.

He married Marie V. Pfleidner on March 1, 1947, in Churubusco and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Beverly Foreman of Bluffton and Carolyn Parker of Kendallville; one son, the Rev. Gary Klinger of Anderson; three brothers, Jesse of St. Joe, Norman of Fort Wayne, and Delphus of Garrett; three sisters, Theo Clouse of Hudson, Barbara Stoner of Columbia City and Joan Slater of Leo; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two sisters, Florence Klinger and Ellen Savoie, and one grandson, Brad Parker, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Garrett Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 9 a.m. Dr. William N. Hodge, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Russell Shalley will officiate. Burial will be in Hooper King Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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Deaths/Funerals

Clarence Starner

GARRETT — Clarence B. "Zeb" Starner, 89, died today at 2:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Starner was an auto mechanic all his life and retired from Frazier Farm Equipment in Auburn. He was a former employee of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Co. He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn, and lived on South Randolph Street in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 8, 1907, in Garrett to the late Burl A. and Louise (Kaiser) Starner.

He married Ruth Cripe on July 17, 1931, in the Baptist parsonage in Garrett in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Donald Dunkin. She survives.

One sister, Beverly Pierce of Battle Creek, Mich., also survives.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Wayne Smith and the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lakewood Park Baptist Church television ministry.

Phyllis DeCamp

WOLCOTTVILLE — Phyllis C. DeCamp, 59, of Wolcottville, died at 12:50 p.m. Tuesday in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. She had been ill five months.

She was born Dec. 16, 1937, in Marion to Charles Edward and Dorothy (Moore) Smith. Her mother survives in Gas City. On Feb. 24, 1963, in Marion, she married the Rev. Russell Eugene DeCamp. He preceded her in death Sept. 9, 1992.

Mrs. DeCamp moved to this area in 1981 from Helmer. She had worked at Superior Sample in Ligonier 10 years and before that she was a substitute teacher. She was a member of Lakeland Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are five sons, Russell E. DeCamp Jr., Phillip Walter DeCamp, Joseph Ray DeCamp and Lawrence Emanuel DeCamp, all of Wolcottville, and Mark Alan of Silverton, Ore; three sisters, Loretta Blair of Big Stone Gap, Va., Sandy Owens of Gas City, and Inez Coons of Hartford City; five brothers, Gary Smith of Maysville, Ky., James Smith of Marion, Charles Smith of Big Stone Gap, Robert Smith of Gas City, and Hershel Smith of Cranston, R.I.; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Lakeland Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and Friday from 11 a.m. until services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Orval B. Shock**, 89, died Monday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

LIGONIER — **Thelma G. Crosswhite**, 74, died Tuesday. No services. Calling 4-8 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

George Pohl

AUBURN — George J. Pohl, 72, died Wednesday at 3:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Pohl was a designer and inspector for Hamilton Standard Controls of Auburn. He formerly worked at Essex in Auburn and U.S. Rubber Co. in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. He was a member of First Christian Church, Auburn, and lived in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 23, 1924, in Beech Grove to the late Floren and Regina (Newbauer) Pohl.

He married Wanda N. Newman on July 20, 1955, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Gretchen M. Williams of Fort Wayne and Heidi R. Huff of Garrett; a foster daughter, Helen R. Jarvis of St. Simon's Island, Ga.; one sister, Dorothy Kirk of Lenexa, Va.; and nine grandchildren.

One sister, Betty Pohl, preceded him in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at noon in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Terry Noller, pastor of First Christian Church, will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Charles Schweitzer

ASHLEY — Charles H. Schweitzer, 93, of Ashley, died at 5:40 a.m. Wednesday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born in DeKalb County Jan. 10, 1904, to George and Nora (Stomm) Schweitzer. On April 8, 1927, in Ligonier, he married Rowena Mohler. She survives.

Mr. Schweitzer moved to Ashley in 1927 and for more than 50 years owned and operated a service station there and for more than 42 years was a school bus driver for DeKalb Central School District. He was also a former chief of the Ashley Fire Department and a member of St. John United Church of Christ.

Surviving with his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Marcia Schweitzer of Fairmount; a sister, Martha Strite of LaGrange; two brothers, Willard Schweitzer of Hudson, and Vern Schweitzer of Kendallville.; and three stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Norman A. Conklin officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Ashley Fire Department.

Ford Lung

GARRETT — Ford R. Lung, 78, of Garrett, died Tuesday at 10:05 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Lung was a freight conductor for the B&O Railroad and the CSX Railroad for 45 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the United Transportation Union. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born April 11, 1919, in Beulah, Mich., to Robert and Goldie (Wert) Lung.

On April 21, 1945, he married Margaret Muzzillo in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Lung of Auburn and Gerald Lung of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Tina Baker of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Lawrence Lung of Angola; three sisters, Bessie Clark of Boise, Idaho, Elizabeth Griffin of Garrett, and Joyce Stahl of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

Four brothers, Leo, Homer, Wesley and Henry Lung, and a sister, Minnie Frederickson, preceded him in death.

Services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with Father Tom Lombardi of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, officiating.

Friends may call from Friday 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion post.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the church school.

Stephen Flood

SARASOTA, Fla. — Stephen J. "Steve" Flood, 44, of Sarasota, Fla., died Monday in Bradenton. Fla.

Mr. Flood was director of guidance at Bradenton Christian School.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 19, 1952, and had lived in Manatee County since 1987, moving from Virginia Beach, Va. He was a member of Palma Sola Bay Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; two sons, Trent and Matt Flood, both of Sarasota; his parents, William and Opal Mann of Waterloo; a sister, Sharon Kline of Auburn; a stepsister, Suzanne Hubbard of Indianapolis; a brother, Gary Flood of Butler; and two stepbrothers, Bob Mann of Battle Creek, Mich., and Dave Mann of Hamilton.

Funeral services will be conducted tonight at 7 in Palma Sola Bay Baptist Church, Bradenton. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes, 43rd St. Chapel, 604 43rd St. W., Bradenton, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bradenton Christian School, 3304 43rd St. W., Bradenton, FL 34209.

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Franklin Gorman Jr.

FREMONT — Franklin C. "Skip" Gorman Jr., 63, of Snow Lake, died Wednesday at 12:21 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gorman was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Garrett Elks Lodge. He graduated from Pleasant Lake High School, and retired in 1996 after 42 years as a railroad engineer for CSX Corp., Garrett. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Aug. 29, 1934, in Mount Greenwood, Ill., to Franklin C. and Irene (Johnson) Gorman, who preceded him in death.

On Nov. 11, 1994, he married Peggy (Michael) Gorman, who survives at home.

Also surviving are four sons, David of Fremont, Matt and Tim, both of Auburn, and Todd of Angola; a sister, Marjorie Mayer of Fremont; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Mooseheart.

Virginia Vaughn

BUTLER — Virginia I. "Ginger" Vaughn, 75, died Monday at 12:26 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb health care center, Butler.

Mrs. Vaughn was a former employee of Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler, a member of the Churubusco post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a United Methodist. She was a past member and past president of Butler's American Legion Post 202 Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Fort Wayne to the late James and Agnes (Bortoff) Whitbey.

She married John H. Vaughn on Aug. 10, 1968, in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, James McKean of Butler; two daughters Nancy McKean (Mrs. Bob) Gerber and Georgia (McKean) Wharry; one sister, Hazel Travis of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Tim McKean, Lindsay Wharry and Ryan Wharry, all of Butler; and Bobbie Gerber of Knoxville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry McKean, one sister and one grandson, James McKean.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Curtis Rathburn

ANGOLA — Curtis J. Rathburn, 81, of Angola, died Wednesday at 10:10 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Rathburn taught and coached at Angola High School, served as principal of Hendry Park and Carlin Park elementary schools in Angola and worked in the admissions department at Tri-State University.

He was a past president of the Angola Lions club and a member of the Ball State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was born July 4, 1916, in Hebron to Roy and Blanche (Coplin) Rathburn.

On Aug. 26, 1939, he married Judith Rathburn, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, William Rathburn of Angola; a daughter, Susan Jacobsen of Belleview, Wash.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sally Maloney, in 1983.

Memorial services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Friends may call one hour before services. Cremation will be at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church or Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

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Donald Hursh

AUBURN — Donald E. Hursh, 76, died Monday at 8 p.m. in his home at Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn.

Mr. Hursh owned and operated a janitorial service in Auburn for several years. He was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Auburn.

He was born April 17, 1921, in New York to the late John and Hazel (Bailey) Hursh.

His wife, Betty (Kennedy) Hursh, preceded him in death in 1996.

Mr. Hursh is survived by two sons, Donard of Montpelier, Ohio, and Thomas of Arizona; a brother, John of Auburn; two sisters, Sally Paschal of Avilla and Alice Schmidt of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 4-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 9 a.m. in the funeral home, with Richard Hanky officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Auburn.

Jack Thomas

GARRETT — Jack A. Thomas, 21, of Garrett, died at 5:05 p.m. Monday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Kendallville Nov. 16, 1975, to Arthur Wayne and Patricia (Austin) Thomas.

Mr. Thomas had been with the Army National Guard for five months. He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

Surviving are his wife, Kristina L., of Garrett; a son, Austin M. Thomas of Garrett; his father, Arthur Wayne Thomas of Michigan City; a sister, Sandra Marie Thomas of Fort Wayne; and his foster parents, Mike Stahl and Carolyn Imparato.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Dick Faucett officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to his son, Austin M. Thomas.

Martha Tiffner

ROME CITY — Martha M. Tiffner, 78, of Rome City, died at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 29, 1919, in Garrett, Ky., to William H. and Louema (Perry) Patterson. In 1941 in Ohio, she married Lloyd G. Tiffner. He preceded her in death in 1994.

Mrs. Tiffner, a homemaker, had lived in the Rome City area one year, moving from Springfield, Ohio.

Surviving are a son, William Tiffner of Helmer; a brother, James Patterson of Rome City; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd G.; a grandson; and three brothers.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday (Indiana time) in Enon Cemetery, Enon, near Springfield, Ohio.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Friday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Deaths/Funerals

June Rodebaugh

AUBURN — June B. Rodebaugh, 79, died today at 12:30 a.m. in DeKalb Health Care, Auburn.

A former South Cleveland Street resident, she had been a secretary for Dr. James Roberts, retiring in 1981 after 14 years of service. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the Women of the Moose.

She was born June 6, 1918, in Auburn to Thomas and Maple (Carnahan) O'Neal, both now deceased.

On May 30, 1941, she married Robert Rodebaugh in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Penny (Mrs. Warren) Wiedenhoeft and Pamela (Mrs. Michael) Long, both of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Jody and Ryan Wiedenhoeft and Robert, James and Tamara Long.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas, and a sister, Opal Armstrong.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. David Maish, pastor of Auburn First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Women of the Moose service will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Helen Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Helen F. Hart, 86, of Kendallville, died at 7:40 p.m. Monday in McCray Memorial Hospital. She had been in failing health the past three years.

She was born in Kendallville July 14, 1911, to Carl and Lena (Fritz) Ebert. On Oct. 25, 1928, in Kendallville, she married Lloyd F. Hart. He preceded her in death in August 1972.

Mrs. Hart, a retired optometric assistant for Dr. Granger and Dr. White, was a member of the former Mitchell Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dairl (Donna) Acres of Kendallville; and Mrs. Richard (Phyllis) Streb of Auburn; a sister, Mrs. Leon (Evelyn) Hill of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Darla Meyer of Kendallville, Kathye Curry of South Bend, and Daniel Acres of Lafayette; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Edward Ebert.

Private graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Lake View Cemetery, with the Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating. Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Vernon Adolph Saggars**, 78, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Frances Bosselman

WATERLOO — Frances C. Bosselman, 93, died Thursday at 10:25 p.m. at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was retired from the G.C. Murphy Co. after 20 years and from the U.S. Postal Service at Casad after 10 years. She belonged to the American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary, and was a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 31 years, accruing 29,704 hours of service.

She was born the daughter of Frank L. Beard and Ariel A. Miller on Jan. 20, 1903, in Waterloo.

She married Gerhardt H. Bosselman on Sept. 23, 1933, in Crawfordsville. He died in 1992.

She is survived by two sons, Robert C. Bishop of Berne and Dale B. Bishop of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Mildred M. Dean of Auburn; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Services will take place Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Paul Tubbs officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations to the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice are preferred.

Helen Hepp

ANGOLA — Helen Hepp, 75, of Angola, died Friday at 2:20 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Hepp was a homemaker and a graduate of Washington High School in East Chicago.

She was born Aug. 14, 1922, in East Chicago to Joseph and Helen (Mikolindrich) Lovrinich, who preceded her in death.

On June 9, 1943, she married Verne L. Hepp, who survives at home in Angola. Also surviving are two sons, Dennis A. Hepp of Fremont, and Wayne D. Hepp of Crown Point; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Kasza, and a brother, Pete Lovrinich.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with Father Conrad Schweibold officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont Township, Steuben County.

Bobby Roy Crull

ANGOLA — Bobby Roy Crull, 71, died Friday in his home in Angola.

Mr. Crull was a printer for Mutual Life Securities for 18 years. He also worked for Quik-Lok and Craftsman and was an attendant at Fort Wayne Development Center. He was a member of Beacon Heights Church in Fort Wayne and attended the Angola United Methodist Church. He was also active in the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Crull was born Dec. 26, 1925, in Wabash County to Clyde LeRoy and LaDora (Green) Crull, both deceased.

On June 3, 1972, he married Earlene (Shuman) Crull. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kim R. Crull of Coldwater, Mich., and Kevin L. Crull of Reistertown, Md.; one daughter, Kelle R. Sitlanis of Fort Wayne; one brother, Walter Crull of Bridgewater, Va.; three sisters, Phyllis Bailey of Rochester, Donna Troxell of New Waverly, and Jean Petre of Bridgewater, Va.; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Donald Jordan officiating.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association or to the donor's choice.

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John McGowan

KENDALLVILLE — John Andrew McGowan, 27, died Friday at 6 a.m. in his Kendallville home. He had been in failing health for one week.

He was born July 8, 1970, in Kendallville to Andrew and Rita (St. Clair) McGowan. They survive.

Also surviving is one sister, Ann Marie McGowan of Kendallville.

There will be no visitation or funeral service.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Carrol Glasgow

HUDSON — Carrol R. Glasgow, 78, of Hudson, died Thursday at 4:40 p.m. at the V.A. Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Glasgow was a farmer and retired as an insurance salesman in 1976. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II and a prisoner of war. He was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in rural Hudson, the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, and the Disabled American Veterans in Auburn.

He was born on March 11, 1919, in Helmer to Asa B. Glasgow and Carmah R. (Weicht).

Mr. Glasgow married Teresa M. Ley on June 30, 1945, in Avilla.

Surviving are four daughters, Ruth E. Libey of Angola, Ann Brucinsky of Valparaiso, Anita Taylor of St. Louis, and Janet Smith of Las Vegas; five sons, Curtis of Chesterton, Rex of Columbus, Ohio, Steven of Bryan, Ohio, William A. of Medina, Ohio, and Roger of Buffalo, NY; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Hudson. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the church, with Father Conrad Schwiebold officiating.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery in rural Hudson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Masses, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, or to the American Diabetes Association.

Deaths/Funerals

Richard Hissong

KENDALLVILLE — Richard L. Hissong, 65, died today at 12:25 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient three days.

Mr. Hissong retired in 1987 as a truck driver for DeKalb County Farm Bureau with 20 years of service. He was a self-employed farmer and a 1951 graduate of Waterloo High School.

He was born Aug. 27, 1932, in Kendallville to the late Garl and Hazel (Childs) Hissong.

He married Betty M. Payton on Feb. 8, 1953, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Kim Simmons of Kendallville; a daughter and her fiancé, Sue Linville and Brian Keen of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Julie Hissong of Auburn; a son and his fianceé, Randy Hissong and Leesa Gardiner of Auburn; two brothers, Robert of Corunna and Steven of Auburn; one sister, Phyllis Payton of Auburn; and 12 grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Pickard of the Corunna Community Church officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Virginia Duprey

GARRETT — Virginia L. Duprey, 85, died Saturday at 8:36 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Duprey was a homemaker and lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett.

She was born April 13, 1912, in Garrett to the late Lee and Irene (Kennedy) LaVergne. Her husband, Leo Duprey, preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. There will be no visitation.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Loa Whitacre

SOUTH BEND — Loa A. (Seifer) Whitacre, 82, died Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Hospice House of St. Joseph County. She lived in South Bend.

Mrs. Whitacre was a charter member of Grace Baptist Church, Granger.

She was born June 9, 1915, in South Bend.

She married Arnet Whitacre on Aug. 26, 1935, in South Bend, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Donna Boseker of Waterloo and Mary Jo Hall of South Bend; two sons, William of Union Mills and Timothy of South Bend; five grandchildren, Wayne Whitacre, Marlene Chromokos, David Martin, Daniel Martin and Donovan Martin.; and four great-grandchildren, Kristin Martin, Dawn Martin, Danielle Martin and Alicia Chromokos.

One daughter, Sharon Whitacre, preceded her in death in 1944.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Forest G. Hay Funeral Home, South Bend.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Grace Baptist Church, Granger, with the Rev. Charles Wood and the Rev. Neil Hampton officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace Baptist church, 52025 Gumwood, Granger IN 46530 or to Hospice of St. Joseph County.

Stephen Stamper

JACKSON, Ky. — Stephen Stamper, 85, died Sept. 1 at the Jackson Medical Center in Jackson, Ky.

Mr. Stamper retired from Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn in 1975.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carlie Mae (Gross) Stamper.

Also surviving are three daughters, Caroline Gross and America Spencer, both of Auburn, and Letha Fugate of Beattyville, Ky.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a 14-year-old grandson, William Stephen Fugate.

Watts Funeral Home in Jackson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Samuel Adams

CASSOPOLIS, Mich. — Samuel George Adams, 69, died Saturday at Lakeland Medical Center in Niles, Mich., after an extended illness.

He lived in Hudson until moving to Cassopolis, Mich., in 1951. He graduated from the University of Toledo and Western Michigan University, where he earned a master's degree. He served in the U.S. Army.

He retired from the Cassopolis school system on June 27, 1986, after 35 years of service. He was a junior high teacher and coached six-man football, varsity baseball and basketball. He was also transportation supervisor with maintenance and custodial responsibilities, and served as assistant high school principal and acting superintendent. He was a substitute teacher, teaching through the spring of 1997. The middle school was dedicated after him at his retirement.

He was a member of Lions Club International, Michigan Education Association, National Education Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association, Cassopolis Athletic Boosters and the Lakeland Conference Athletic Directors Association, and a life member of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He was recognized by the Cass County Board of Commissioners for service to his peers and students, was given the key to the village of Cassopolis, and was a life member of the Cassopolis FFA.

Mr. Adams was born Oct. 5, 1927, in Valparaiso.

He married Donna Mae Wolf on Sept. 8, 1948, in Pleasant Lake, and she survives.

Also surviving are six children, Patricia Jo Rose of Pleasant Lake, Bruce Eric of Union, Mich., Samuel David and Michael Dean, both of Cassopolis, Nancy Jean Bruce of Elkhart, and John Russell of Dowagiac, Mich.; his mother, Maxine Collins of Ashley; his mother-in-law, Dessa Wolf of Pleasant Lake; a stepsister, Katherine Johnston of Oroville, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Roscoe Adams, a stepbrother, A.J. Collins, and a stepsister, Shirley Lynn.

Friends may call today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) in Connelly Funeral Home, Cassopolis.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home. Burial will take place Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

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Florine Smith

FORT WAYNE — Florine E. Smith, 60, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Smith had been a summertime resident at Jimmerson Lake in Steuben County. She was a retired supervisor-buyer in the Specialty Transformer Department of General Electric Co., Fort Wayne. She attended the North Summit United Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, and was a member of Monroe United Brethren Church, Monroe.

She was born Aug. 1, 1937, in Adams County to Noah and Melvena (Beer) Hirschy.

On Feb. 14, 1979, she married David Smith of Fort Wayne, who survives at home. Also surviving are her mother; a son, Barry Ratcliff of Pleasant Mills; a daughter, Mrs. Steve (Tina) Byerly of Wabash; three stepdaughters, Katrina Smith of Toluca, Calif., Christina Smith of Dillsburg, Pa., and Mrs. Marlon (Heather) Johnson of Ingleside, Texas; two brothers, Paul Hirschy of Huntington and Richard Hirschy of Monroe; three sisters, Mrs. Larry (Helen) Funk of Mesa, Ariz., Mrs. Arno (Carolyn) Girod of Decatur, and Mrs. Wayne (Edith) Byerly of Monroe; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a grandson, Matthew Steven Byerly.

Funeral services wil begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Monroe United Brethren In Christ Church, Decatur, with the Rev. Brooks Fetters and the Rev. G. Wes Kuntzman officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Monroe.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at Haggard & Armes Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Summit United Brethren Church, Fort Wayne.

Patricia Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia J. Hall, 62, of Kendallville, and formerly of Bristol, died at 10 p.m. Sunday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville, where she had resided since April 16.

She was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, March 14, 1935, to Herschel and Olive (Spencer) Zorne.

Surviving are three daughters, Krystal Denney of Hamilton, Ohio, Robin Eberhart of Williamsburg, Ohio, and Yvette Caldwell of Hamilton, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Barbara Denney of Hudson; an aunt, Faye Thomas of Marathon, Ohio; six brothers, Jerry McDonald of California, Terry McDonald of New Paris, Clair McDonald of Elkhart, Mike McDonald of North Carolina, Harold McDonald and Jimmy McDonald, both of Syracuse; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepfather, Francis McDonald.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Velma Lyon

AUBURN — Velma Grace Lyon, 83, died Tuesday, at 6:30 a.m. in Prescott Samaritan Village in Prescott, Ariz.

Mrs. Lyon formerly worked at Wakefield in Waterloo, Cox Cabinet in Auburn and Philco in Sandusky, Ohio. She lived at 904 Ensley Ave., Auburn, for two years.

She was born Dec. 21, 1913, in Hiram, Ohio, to the late Bertha and Edwin Barholt.

She married Clifford Burnell Lyon on July 5, 1933, in Ravenna, Ohio, and he preceded her in death in 1968.

Surviving are two sons, Charles of Auburn and Paul of Ruskin, Fla.; one daughter, Maxine Pomeroy of Dewey, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Kevin Lyon, Christine Brandenberger, and Elizabeth, Alexandra and Christopher Lyon; and two great-grandchildren, Ashley Brandenberger and Brandon Lyon.

A memorial service will take placeTuesday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Pastor Roy Protsman of the Auburn Missionary Church officiating.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Dean L. Hiatt**, 73, died Saturday. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ruth Mary Bauman**, 81, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church. Calling 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Calling from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Deaths/Funerals

Carl Winebrenner

AUBURN — Carl "Skip" Winebrenner, 59, died Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Winebrenner was an Auburn resident and retired from Dana Corp., Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Dec. 22, 1937, in Auburn to the late Orvie and Ruth (Malone) Winebrenner.

Surviving him are two sons, Scott of Garrett and Alan of Auburn, one daughter, Adina Houser of Auburn, and their mother, Mary Ellen Muzzillo of Auburn; four brothers, Ross of Ashley, Jack of Auburn, Harold of Pine, Ariz., and Robert of Merced, Calif.; five sisters, Esther Pfeifer of Lawrenceberg, Tenn., Betty Kimmel of Fort Wayne, Dorothy Acker of Wolcottville, Helen Dennison of Auburn and Carol German of Decatur, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

Three sisters, Josephine Acker, Edith Days, and Violet May, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ralph Diehl of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Otto Biddle

AUBURN — Otto G. Biddle, 90, died Monday at 11 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Biddle had lived in Auburn for 45 years and formerly lived in LaGrange and Noble counties. He retired in 1975 from Cole Foundry, Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

He was born April 26, 1907, in Green Township, Noble County, to the late Otto F. and Amanda Leitch (Brown) Biddle.

He married Martha A. Bowman on Feb. 22, 1927, in Noble County and she died Jan. 18, 1988.

Surviving are one son, Robert of Garrett; five daughters, Eileen (Mrs. Arthur) Cobbs of Auburn, June (Mrs. Robert) Fisher and Deloris (Mrs. Edwin) Houck, both of LaGrange, Doris (Mrs. James) Trowbridge of Fort Wayne, and Sherry (Mrs. Lyle) Holman of Butler; one sister, Avis Dickey of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gerald Leo; one grandson, Ricky Trowbridge; one brother, Leo Brown; and three sisters, Bonnie Biddle Ford, Marceille Rowe, and Winona Bell.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Patricia Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia J. Hall, 62, of Kendallville, and formerly of Bristol, died at 10 p.m. Sunday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville, where she had resided since April 16.

She was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, March 14, 1935, to Herschel and Olive (Spencer) Zorne.

Surviving are three daughters, Krystal Denney of Hamilton, Ohio, Robin Everhart of Williamsburg, Ohio, and Yvette Caldwell of Hamilton, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Barbara Denney of Hudson; an aunt, Faye Thomas of Marathon, Ohio; six brothers, Jerry McDonald of California, Terry McDonald of New Paris, Clair McDonald of Elkhart, Mike McDonald of North Carolina, Harold McDonald of Bristol, and Jimmy McDonald of Syracuse; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepfather, Francis McDonald.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Carns of Warsaw officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Isabel Umbaugh

ANGOLA — Isabel "Pat" Umbaugh, 86, of Angola, died Sunday at 7:45 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Umbaugh had worked as a presser at McBride's Dry Cleaners and Haynes Dry Cleaners. She was a member of the Angola Moose Ladies Auxiliary and the First Congregational Church of Christ. She graduated from Paulding (Ohio) High School.

She was born Aug. 21, 1911, in Paulding to George and Georgie Anna (Bird) Crawford, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Freed of Fremont, and a brother, Eugene Crawford of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry "Red" Umbaugh, on July 31.

Graveside services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Brian Hamman

LACANTO, Fla. — Brian H. Hamman, 61, died Friday in Lacanto, Fla.

He was born Sept. 13, 1935, in Waterloo to the late Howard L. and Dorothy A. (Knight) Hamman.

He married Netha Mathews on Feb. 24, 1968, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Hamman of Lacanto; a daughter, Jennifer Hamman of Lacanto; a brother, Brooks Hamman of Waterloo; and a sister, Lina Zerkle of Waterloo.

Private services will be held by the immediate family.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Charles Kimes

DELAND, Fla. — Charles E. Kimes, 82, of DeLand, died Monday at Memorial Hospital West Volusia in DeLand.

Mr. Kimes moved from Angola to Florida in 1982 and was retired from his career as a machinist with Dana Corp. in Angola. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Deleon Springs, Fla., and he enjoyed fishing and was an avid bowler.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Dorothy; a son, Elery Kimes of Bellview, Texas; a daughter, Eloise Knox of Fostoria, Ohio; four brothers, Virgil Kimes of Auburn, Bernard Kimes of Fort Wayne, Gerald Kimes of Angola, and Blaine Kimes of Leesburg, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Allen-Summerhill Chapel, DeLand.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in DeLand Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations may be made to RISE Inc., 1600 N. Wohlert St., Angola.

Deaths/Funerals

Viola Reiter

AUBURN — Viola Engle Reiter, 87, died Tuesday at 10:57 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a homemaker and baked pies for several DeKalb County restaurants for many years. She was a midwife for Dr. Harry Covell and Dr. Showalter in Auburn. She was a senior regent for the Auburn Moose Lodge and a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Reiter

Mrs. Reiter was born Dec. 19, 1909, in Waterloo to the late Earl and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest. Her first husband, Pete Engle, died in 1959 and her second husband, Lewie Reiter, died in 1975.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Engle of Fremont and Jim Engle of Auburn; one daughter, Joyce Brown of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Sharon Reiter of Lake James, Angola; one brother, Bob Forrest of Waterloo; three sisters, Edna Miller and Lavon Eyster, both of Angola, and Dorothy Fisher of St. James City, Fla.; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

One sister, Irene Sunday, and three brothers, Don Forrest, Clark Forrest and Glenn Forrest, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Brian Wilcox of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Agnes Emmons

FORT WAYNE — Agnes M. Emmons, 92, died Monday at 10:25 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a factory worker for 11 years with Morrill Motors, retiring in 1969. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a resident of Fort Wayne. She formerly lived in Garrett.

Mrs. Emmons was born Nov. 26, 1904, in Fort Wayne to the late William G. and Esther (Screen) Miller. Her husband, Paul G., died in 1969.

Surviving are a son, Eugene G. Haines of Fort Wayne, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Mark Clevenger officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Jeanne Thrush

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky. — Jeanne M. (Kirchner) Thrush, 51, of Gilbertsville, wife of former Hamilton resident Robert C. Thrush, died Tuesday at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, Ky.

A Louisville native, Mrs. Thrush had been employed as a nurse.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four daughters and one son.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Friday, followed by a funeral Mass at 2 p.m. at Ratterman Funeral Home in Louisville.

Memorial donations may be made to any cancer society.

Paul Neal

KENDALLVILLE — Paul R. Neal, 86, of Kendallville, died at 10:53 a.m. Tuesday in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born in St. Paul, Ind., on Feb. 4, 1911, to Morris and Neva (Ward) Neal. On Oct. 1, 1934, in Winchester, he married Evelyn Bolton. She survives.

Mr. Neal was a machinist for General Electric Co. and retired in 1973. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. 276 and Noble Chapter 122 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Joyce Brumbaugh of Columbia City; three sons, Reginald Neal of Kendallville, Richard Neal of Ridgeland, Wash., and David Neal of Waterloo; a sister, Mary Bishop of Kendallville; a brother, Donald Neal of Lansing, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nina.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Masonic memorial services at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Faith United Methodist or Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. 276.

Evening Star, Wed., Sept. 10, 1997

Chester Gerig Sr.

ELWOOD — Chester L. Gerig Sr., 86, died Monday at 8:44 a.m. in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was self-employed at Chet Gerig Real Estate, retiring in 1975. He formerly lived in Anderson and moved to Elwood in 1947. He was a longtime civic leader who sold cars before beginning his real estate business in the early 1960s. He was a member of Elwood Church of God and a 48-year member of Elwood Kiwanis Club. He attended college one year.

Mr. Gerig was born June 5, 1911, on the Allen-DeKalb County line to the late Eli and Matilda Gerig.

He married Marian Burrows on Feb. 18, 1934, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Chet Gerig Jr. of Fort Myers, Fla., and Lou Gerig of Indianapolis; one sister, Dora Batdorf of Anderson; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chester L. Gerig Memorial Fund at Anderson University, Anderson, IN 46012-3495.

Jeanine Bolen

WINAMAC — Jeanine Marie Bolen, 58, of Winamac, died Friday morning in her residence.

She was born in Auburn July 14, 1939, to Norman "Son" and Ruth (Mitchell) Whitacre. Her father is deceased. Her mother, Ruth Tennant, who had lived in Auburn, preceded her in death in 1979. In 1972, she married Carl Bolen. He survives.

Mrs. Bolen was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Shawn Ritchie of Georgia, Laura Jane Freeman of Macy, and Pauletta Rupert of Tennessee; three sons, Jonathan Rupert of Georgia, Chad Bolen of Fort Wayne, and Charlie Bolen, at home; three sisters, Carlene M. LeGuire of Michigan, E. Juamaine Stull of Albion, and Charmaine Kershner of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Her late aunts, Marie Blevins and Nellie Aschleman, had lived in Auburn, and Pearl Stebing had lived in Cedarville.

Funeral services were held in Winamac in Frain Mortuary. Burial was in McKinley Gardens, Winamac.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Fee

HAMILTON — Paul Moses Fee, 88, died Tuesday in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Fee worked for the Wabash-Norfolk & Western Railroad in the maintenance-of-way department. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola. He was a 25-year member of the Hamilton Masonic Lodge.

He was born Sept. 9, 1909, in Hamilton to the late Asa and Inez (Mortorff) Fee of Hamilton.

He married Gretchen (Fee) Fee on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1946, in Richmond, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Vicki (Mrs. Jim) Malone of Montpelier, Ohio; Jill (Mrs. Don) Mason Jr. of Angola, Debbie (Mrs. Wayne) King of Butler, and Terri (Mrs. Randy) Oberlin of Hamilton; a half-sister, Imogene (Mrs. C.W.) Blickenstaff; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin & Ford Memorial Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel, 3985 E. Church St.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Edwin Clark of the Hamilton United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 31.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America, DeKalb Hospice, and the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Mary Davis

LAOTTO — Mary Katherine Davis, 72, of LaOtto, died at 8:12 p.m. Tuesday in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. She had been ill five years.

She was born in Tennessee on June 8, 1925, to Samuel and Ollie (Lee) Traughber.

Mrs. Davis retired in 1974 from Magnavox and was a member of VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherry Sowards of Hudson, and Charlene Rugg of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Terri and Freda Davis of Albion; a sister, Dorthy Fanning of Tennessee; a brother, Sam Troughber of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John; and a sister, Fannie.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Marbin Bell officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-6 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Jeanine Bolen

WINAMAC — Jeanine Marie Bolen, 58, of Winamac, died Friday morning in her residence.

She was born in Auburn July 14, 1939, to Norman "Son" and Ruth (Mitchell) Whitacre. Her father is deceased. Her mother, Ruth Tennant, who had lived in Auburn, preceded her in death in 1979. In 1972, she married Carl Bolen. He survives.

Mrs. Bolen was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Shawn Ritchie of Georgia, Laura Jane Freeman of Macy, and Pauletta Rupert of Tennessee; three sons, Jonathan Rupert of Georgia, Chad Bolen of Fort Wayne, and Charlie Bolen, at home; three sisters, Carlene M. LeGuire of Michigan, E. Juamaine Stull of Albion, and Charmaine Kershner of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three aunts, Marie Blevins and Nellie Aschleman, of Auburn, and Pearl Stebing of Cedarville.

Funeral services were held in Winamac in Frain Mortuary. Burial was in McKinley Gardens, Winamac.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Josephine L. Spahr**, 85, died Wednesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 7-9 p.m. today.

NEW HAVEN — **Mabel M. Cole**, 107, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there an hour before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Edna Clevenger

GARRETT — Edna L. Clevenger, 74, of Garrett, died Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

She was retired from her work as a sales clerk at Haffner's Dime Store.

She was born June 15, 1923, in Parker to Dolan H. and Clara (Taylor) Price.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathe Delacruz and Sara J. Jones, both of Garrett; two sons, Gerry W. of Indiana and Tim L. of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Gallets of Portland; one brother, Robert Price of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted today at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mark Clevenger officiating. Burial took place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Allen County or the American Heart Association.

Veva Mahs

GARRETT — Veva V. Mahs, 97, died Thursday at 8:25 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Mahs was a homemaker and had been a Garrett resident since 1953, before moving to Kendallville five years ago. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

She was born March, 17, 1900, in DeKalb County to the late Harry and Mae A. (Poper) Fuller.

She married Theodore F. Mahs on June 2, 1919, in Garrett, and he died Dec. 21, 1976.

Surviving her are one son, Tom Mahs of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two granddaughters, Judith Marley of Osceola and Joellen Mahs of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and three great-grandchildren, Jennifer Marley, Sarah Marley and Scott Marley, all of Osceola.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert; two brothers, Harold Fuller and Woodward Fuller, and a sister, Maxine Pettyjohn.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Emril Barrows

ORLAND — Emril A. Barrows, 85, of Orland, died at 9:49 a.m. Wednesday in Sturgis Hospital, Sturgis, Mich.

He was born in LaGrange County April 14, 1912, to Orley and Ella (Fair) Barrows. On Sept. 1, 1934, he married Vivian LeMaster. She survives.

Mr. Barrows was a farmer and attended Brighton Chapel Church.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Phillip E. Barrows of Howe; a brother, Ronald Barrows of Coldwater, Mich.; two grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Barrows, and four brothers, Weir, Axon, Omar and Archie Barrows.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with Maj. Jim Amick and Capt. David Lee of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Heart Association.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alice J. Walker**, 68, died Wednesday. Services were today in Columbia City.

NEW HAVEN — **Loreina E. Sturgill**, 68, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ernest Klinker

WOODBURN — Ernest H. Klinker, 87, of Woodburn, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Palmyra native, Mr. Klinker retired in 1973 from International Harvester after 30 years of service in the receiving department.

He is survived by two daughters, Beverly A. Gumm of Edgerton, Ohio, and Charlotte B. McCowan of Virginia; four sons, James L. of Van Wert, Ohio, Terry L. of Columbus, Ohio, the Rev. William F. of Thornsville, Ohio, and Lynn A. of Edgerton; six sisters, Sadie Longardner and Pearl Ohler, both of Fremont, Helen Marquart of Monroeville, Mary Brown and Maxine Deneve, both of Fort Wayne, and Irene Deneve of Claypool; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday at Marquart & Jacobs Funeral Home, Monroeville.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday and one hour before services Sunday.

Burial will be in I.O.O.F Cemetery, Convoy, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to Woodburn EMS.

George Vice

BLUFFTON — George L. Vice, 85, of Bluffton, died Thursday at Meadowvale Care Center.

A Kokomo native, Mr. Vice retired from the Army.

He is survived by his wife, Ina M.; four daughters, Mary Brown and Linda Clark, both of Corpus Christi, Texas, Vera Dixon of Savannah, Ga., and Sue Freeman of Leesburg; two sons, James of Indianapolis and Terry of Pembroke, Ga.; two stepdaughters, Jeanette Birchman and Mary Haviland, both of Angola; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Saturday.

A graveside service will be conducted by the American Legion Post 111 in Jones Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **John A. (Jack) Wallace**, 68, of Rochester Road, Ligonier, died Friday at 11:17 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at the Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Quentin Williams of Ligonier Presbyterian Church and the Cromwell Masonic Lodge #705 officiating. There will be no calling.

Deaths/Funerals

Augusta Besser

AUBURN — Augusta "Gussie" Besser, 65, died today at 7:15 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Besser was a sales clerk in the jewelry department at Wal-Mart and a member of Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Auburn. She had lived in DeKalb County since 1976, previously residing in Fort Wayne.

Besser

She was born July 28, 1932, in Estil County, Ky., to Columbus and Maud (Horn) Embs.

She married Ted W. Besser on Dec. 18, 1976, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janette M. Oberlin of Butler; a son, Ralph Michael Meece of El Paso, Texas; two brothers, Chester Embs of Winchester, Ky., and Everett Embs of Pendleton, Ky.; two sisters, Buelah Pollard of Angola and Zora Corya of Commiskey; three grandchildren, Ralph M.C. Meece, Natasha Meece and Shane M. Oberlin.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, with the Rev. Rodney Buzzard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Chapel Worship Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Wilma Sleesman

BUTLER — Wilma D. Sleesman, 93, died Sunday evening in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Pauline Wallace

AUBURN — Pauline Wallace, 84, died Saturday at 6:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Wallace retired from Messenger Corp. in Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1931. She was a member of the Jackson Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary and DeKalb County Republican Women's Club. She lived on County Road 427, Auburn.

She was born March 11, 1913, in Auburn.

She married Jay Wallace on Feb. 11, 1932, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Judy Wallace of Branchville, S.C., Orval and Joan Wallace of Auburn, and John and Diane Wallace, also of Auburn; one sister, Helen Spake of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Paul Reed, and one sister, Naomi Jones, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Rick Rigney of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Jackson Township Fire Department.

Ralph Baird

LAGRANGE — Ralph A. Baird, 82, of LaGrange, died Saturday in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was born in DeKalb County Nov. 29, 1914, to Edward and Emma (Freed) Baird. On July 21, 1934, in Albion, he married Hilda B. Marks. She survives.

Mr. Baird moved from DeKalb County to LaGrange County in 1933. He was a truck driver for Keeshin Motor Freight in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Joan Johnson and Carolyn Betcke, both of LaGrange, and Gloria Atkins of Orlando, Fla.; three sons, Paul Baird of Shipshewana, Ronald Baird of Elkhart, and Jerry Baird of Plainwell, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, five brothers and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Indiana time Wednesday in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Sturgis, with elder Ron Marshall officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Clara Pence

GARRETT — Clara M. Pence, 94, died Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Pence was a cook at City Cafe for 20 years and Rutter's Cafe in Auburn for three years, retiring in 1970. She also worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for four years. She attended the First Baptist Church of Garrett and lived in Garrett.

She was born July 26, 1903, in South Milford to the late Ed and Ettie (Brand) Wells.

She married Alton Pence on Jan. 1, 1936, in Garrett and he died March 17, 1995.

Surviving her are two daughters, Ruth Roberts of Garrett and Linda DePew of Waterloo; two brothers, Oscar Wells of Angola and Cecil Wells of Corunna; one sister, Ruth Curtland of Nevada Mills; 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two sons, Harold Replogle and Virgil Ebey Jr., preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Community Center.

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Anna Sarpa

GARRETT — Anna M. Sarpa, 89, died Sunday in Delmar Garden Nursing Home, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Sarpa was a homemaker and had worked at Electric Motors in Garrett as a motor winder. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, and its Rosary Society and Harvest House.

She was born Sept. 27, 1907, in Garrett to the late Frank and Lena (Kobi) Salerno.

She married John Sarpa on Feb. 10, 1923, in Hillsdale, Mich., and he died Oct. 16, 1962.

Surviving are two sons, John of San Clemente, Calif., and Frank of Tinley Park, Ill.; one daughter, Mary Ann Sitarski of St. Louis; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One son, Nickolas, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary services will be conducted Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. at the church. Father Tom Lombardi will officiate, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church for Masses.

Walter Treesh

WATERLOO — Walter E. Treesh, 82, died Saturday at 1:09 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Treesh was a retired truck driver and farmer, and lived on County Road 39, Waterloo.

He was born Feb. 3, 1915, in Auburn to the late James and Lottie (Smith) Treesh.

He married Mary M. Deam on Nov. 19, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Walter A. of Auburn; three daughters, Janice Hancock of Butler, Judy Norris of Houston, Texas, and Eileen Bucklin of Linwood, N.C.; 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three daughters, infants Dorothy and Elaine Treesh, and Rosaline Fry Wickline; two brothers, Edward and Oliver; and one sister, Velma Hose.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Waynedale, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Gertrude Baker

ANGOLA — Gertrude Baker, 84, of Angola, died Sunday at 8:25 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Baker, a homemaker, was born Nov. 22, 1912, in Illinois to David Sherman and Amanda Amelia (Abbott) Hoad.

On Dec. 21, 1933, she married David Baker of Angola, who survives at their home.

Also surviving are two sons, Roger of Pleasant Lake, and Mike of Fremont; two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Diane) Bledsoe of Angola and Mrs. John (Kathleen) Fisher of Three Rivers, Mich.; a sister, Mildred Gable of Hartford City; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeff.

Services will take place Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Wanda Zimmer

FORT WAYNE — Wanda J. Zimmer, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at 5:45 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zimmer had worked as a vault cashier at a Chicago bank.

She was born March 4, 1925, in Milford to Harold and Maxine (Ruple) Remy, who preceded her in death.

On Oct. 13, 1955, she married Paul Frank Ernst Zimmer, who preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorna Moor of Angola; and a brother, Robert Remy of Toledo, Ohio.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the home of Richard and Lorna Moor, 715 W. Prospect St., Angola. Burial will be in Rochester.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Amos Randol

HAMILTON — Amos N. Randol, 66, of Hamilton Lake, died Friday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was employed as a machinist at Charleston Metal, Waterloo. He formerly was a member of the Moose Lodge in Auburn and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Oct. 11, 1930, in LaGrange County to George and Mary (Leguire) Randol of LaGrange County, who are deceased.

On June 17, 1950, he married Dolores (Lechleidner) Randol, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Bruce Button of Hamilton; one daughter, Mrs. Dan (Pat) Dillon of Edon, Ohio, one brother, Raymond Randol of Garrett; two sisters, Nancy Frain of Auburn and Mrs. Paul (Kathryn) Swonger of Garrett; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One son, Stanley Button, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. today in the Oberlin Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton Chapel, with Dave Payne officiating. Burial was in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton Church of Christ or Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Deaths/Funerals

Virginia Andres

AUBURN — Virginia M. Andres, 80, died Monday at 2:20 p.m. in Auburn Health Care Center, where she had resided four years.

Mrs. Andres was a co-owner of Andres Insurance of Auburn and the owner of Andres Apartments in Angola. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Auburn, for more than 50 years and a life member of the Auburn Woman's Club. She also was a member of the Worthwhyle Club, Fort Wayne Garden Club and Entre Nous Club. She was a life resident of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 12, 1916, in Auburn to the late C. Roy and A. Okel (Mark) Cary.

She married Howard E. Andres on Feb. 21, 1937, in Auburn and he died in 1973.

Also surviving are one son, Stephen C. of Auburn; two daughters, Pamela A. Nichols of Frankfort and Carol L. Murphy of Fairborn, Ohio; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Marilyn Lower, and one grandson, Alex Andres, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. David Maish, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Claude Quarry

KENDALLVILLE — Claude E. Quarry, 83, of Kendallville, died at 10 a.m. Saturday in his residence after a three-year illness.

He was born in LaGrange Nov. 23, 1913, to Orator and Harriet Quarry. On Feb. 14, 1938, in Angola, he married Charlotte Brown. She preceded him in death July 22, 1986.

Mr. Quarry moved from Rome City to Kendallville 15 years ago. He ran a TV store in Rome City from 1956-1964 and worked at Reliable Tool & Machine Co. in Kendallville from 1964-86. He was in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934.

Surviving are a son, Ronald G. Quarry of Rome City; a brother, Robert Quarry of Laguna Hills, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Ryan L. Quarry of Albion, and Tomi S. Quarry of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Musallus.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

William Moonen

ANGOLA — William J. Moonen, 60, of Angola, died Monday at 4:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moonen owned the Old Holland Restaurant in Edon, Ohio, for 15 years and was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

He was born Dec. 22, 1936, in Kerekrade, the Netherlands, to Jan J. and Mathilda (Hensgens) Moonen. His father survives and his mother preceded him in death.

Also surviving are his wife, Maria Von Tilburg Moonen of Angola; two sons, John Moonen of Angola and Kenny Moonen of Fayetteville, N.C.; two daughters, Leslie Myers and Wendy Grace, both of Angola; a brother, Hank Moonen of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Katerina Moonen Baltus and Marian Moonen Mantelars, both of Kerekrade, the Netherlands; and 10 grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Rick Pichon

HOWE — Rick Eugene Pichon, 41, of Howe, died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday in an ATV accident at 7565N — 650W, Orland.

He was born Oct. 15, 1955, in LaGrange to Larry L. and Patricia J. (Wilson) Pichon. They survive in Howe.

Mr. Pichon, a lifetime LaGrange County resident, was employed by B.F. Grain Inc., Orland. He was a 1974 graduate of Lakeland High School in LaGrange.

Surviving with his parents are a brother, Gregory L. Pichon of LaGrange; and his maternal grandfather, Dewey Wilson of Howe.

There will be no services or visitation.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Parks Department or ACRES Inc.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Andrea Spade

ORLAND — Andrea Dee Spade, 20, of Howe, died Sunday at 9:45 p.m. at her home.

She was a production worker at Hudson Industries.

She was born July 21, 1977, in Elkhart to Allen and Marlene Spade, who survive.

Also surviving are three sisters, Dawn Green of Pleasant Lake, and Sherilyn Friend and Wendy Petty, both of Orland; a brother, Eric Spade of Howe; her maternal grandparents, Martin and Bonnie Christlieb of Angola, and her maternal great-grandmother, Marie Christlieb of LaGrange.

Private services will be conducted Wednesday in Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorial donations may be made to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Steuben County.

Augusta Besser

AUBURN — Augusta "Gussie" Besser, 65, died Monday at 7:15 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Besser was a sales clerk in the jewelry department at Wal-Mart and a member of Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Auburn. She had lived in DeKalb County since 1976, previously residing in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 28, 1932, in Estill County, Ky., to Columbus and Maud (Horn) Embs.

She married Ted W. Besser on Dec. 18, 1976, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jeanette M. Oberlin of Butler; a son, Ralph Michael Meece of El Paso, Texas; two brothers, Chester Embs of Winchester, Ky., and Everett Embs of Pendleton, Ky.; two sisters, Beulah Pollard of Angola and Zora Corya of Commiskey; three grandchildren, Ralph M.C. Meece, Natasha Meece and Shane M. Oberlin.

Friends may call today from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, with the Rev. Rodney Buzzard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Chapel Worship Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Wilma Sleesman

BUTLER — Wilma D. Sleesman, 93, died Sunday at 6:10 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Sleesman had been a factory worker, retiring from Kitchen Quip in Waterloo.

She was born April 12, 1904, in Butler to the late Commodore and Ada (Wyckoff) Hagerty.

She married I.M. Sleesman on Oct. 29, 1923, in Butler and he died Oct. 7, 1940.

Surviving her are three sons, Norman of Antwerp, Ohio, Harold of Fort Wayne, and Herbert of Coldwater, Mich.; one daughter, Maxine Schlegel of Toledo, Ohio; one brother, Ora Hagerty of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Geneva Oberlin and Irene Luke, both of Butler; 14 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Wayne; three brothers, Adrian, Kenny and Vernon Hagerty; and two sisters, Gertrude Lindsay and Hazel Halder.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Richard T. Kraus of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Maurice Stackhouse

ALBION — Maurice Douglas Stackhouse, 45, of Albion, died at 6:11 p.m. Saturday in Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born Dec. 19, 1951, in Louisville, Ky., to Ora and Rita (Helms) Stackhouse. His parents survive at Pleasant Lake. On June 25, 1982, in Fremont, he married Yvonne Combs. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Stackhouse, a Vietnam veteran, had lived in the Albion community 15 years, coming from Pleasant Lake.

Surviving with his wife and parents are two sons, Maurice Stackhouse Jr. and Travis Stackhouse, both of Orland; two stepdaughters, Tracey Morgan of Wolf Lake, and Amy Fields of Albion; a stepson, Ryan Fields of Albion; five sisters, Deborah Leslie of Ashley, Arvilla Skaggs of Kendallville, Jessica Bogert of Newago, Mich., Angela Stackhouse of Pleasant Lake, and Rachael Collins of Valparaiso; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant lake.

There is no visitation.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Kathe B. Kahl Sontag**, 91, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. No calling.

TOPEKA — **Anna M. Lambright**, 87, died Monday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the family home in Topeka. Calling after 2 p.m. today and all day Wednesday.

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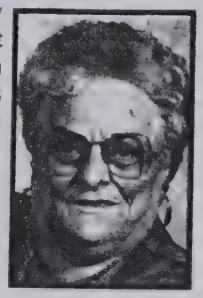
Dorothy Sales

AUBURN — Dorothy C. Sales, 76, died Tuesday at 10:45 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Sales was a homemaker and formerly lived on East Fifth Street in Auburn. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Fort Wayne and attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church.



Sales

She was born June 14, 1921, in Fort Wayne to the late Mardo T. and Clara (Vogelgesange) Tobias.

She married Thomas Leo Sales on March 1, 1941, in Fort Wayne, and he died in February 1992.

Surviving her are three daughters, Bonnie Macy and Susan Toyias, both of Auburn, and Terry Zollinger of Fort Wayne; one sister, Doris Russell of Florida; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Richard Tobias, and one granddaughter, Dorothy Beghtel, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ron Hawkins and the Rev. Don Williams officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Hollis Fisher

ANGOLA — Hollis P. Fisher, 89, died Tuesday at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Fisher had been a local farmer and a bus driver for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

He was born May 19, 1908, in Steuben County to Ward and Jennie (Kepler) Fisher.

On Oct. 10, 1934, he married Lillian (Horn) Fisher, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Leslie Fisher of Angola; two daughters, Judy Penick of Orland and Kathy Moor of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Harold, Robert, Carlton and Clifford Fisher; and a sister, Wreathea Brown.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Re . Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Deaths/Funerals

Tylor Hoffman

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Tylor Eugene Hoffman was stillborn at 3:04 a.m. Tuesday at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Surviving are his parents, Danny Eugene and Pamela Jean (Willis) Hoffman of San Antonio; his maternal grandparents, Eugene and Edna Willis of Virginia Beach, Va.; his paternal grandmother, Mary Hoffman of Angola; and his maternal great-grandmother, Elma Willis of Herrin, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Warren Hoffman, in 1980.

Private services were conducted Wednesday. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Esther Sumney

ANGOLA — Esther S. Sumney, 94, of Angola, died Tuesday at 1:05 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Sumney was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

She was born Oct. 3, 1902, in Fort Wayne to Daniel and Lean (Junge) Goeglein.

On Jan. 1, 1926, she married Weldon R. Sumney, who preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1990.

Surviving are three sons, Eugene D. Sumney of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., William Sumney of Angola, and Robert Sumney of LaGrange; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Wanda Etler, in 1973, a brother and four sisters.

Friends may call Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church and the LaGrange Council on Aging.

Anna M. Gadomski

AVILLA — Anna M. Gadomski, 88, a former resident of Swan Township in Noble County and also of Fort Wayne, died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been a resident of the nursing home since 1987.

Mrs. Gadomski was born in New York City on July 29, 1909. Her early years were spent in an orphanage there, and at age of 3 she was adopted by a Catholic priest, Father Peter Schmitt.

She moved to this area as a young girl when Father Schmitt became pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. She was married to Walter Gadomski on Nov. 3, 1927, in Allen County. She and her husband spent all of their married life on the family farm north of Ege.

Following her husband's death on May 1, 1958, she lived in Avilla and later moved to Fort Wayne before entering the nursing home.

She was employed as a cook at the Saint James Restaurant in Avilla and at the Four Winds Motel in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gadomski was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege and its Rosary Sodality.

Surviving are three daughters, Mary T. Fletcher and Marjorie Taulbee, both of Churubusco, and Gretta Gadomski of Shipshewana; and two sons, Joe L. Gadomski of Fort Wayne and Lee W. Gadomski of Kendallville; 22 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceeded in death by a son, John W. Gadomski, on Dec. 5, 1994.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege, with Father Danny Pinto the celebrant. Burial will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed for Masses or to the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Maurice G. Crosswhite Jr.,** 40, died Wednesday. Services at 8 p.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday. Burial in Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend.

Deaths/Funerals

Margaret Donegan

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Margaret Heitz Donegan, 78, died Sept. 6 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

She retired after 30 years of service with General Motors of Detroit. She was born Oct. 25, 1918, in Garrett to the late Walter and Burniece Heitz, and graduated from Huntertown High School.

Surviving her are her husband of 32 years, Weldon M.; three daughters, Sharon Weimer of Wolcottville, Linda Growcock of Albion, and Christine Albright of Kalamazoo, Mich.; two stepchildren, David Donegan of West Bloomfield, Mich., and Catherine Donegan of Oklahoma; a sister-in-law, Maryann Heitz of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Wolkford will officiate. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Hobart Nagle

FORT WAYNE — Hobart W. Nagle, 80, died Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Nagle retired from Navistar in 1982 with 40 years of service. A native of Auburn, he lived in Fort Wayne most of his life. He was a member of Emmanuel Soest Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred E.; three sons, James of Milwaukee, Wis., Kenneth of Fort Wayne, and Jeff of New Haven; one brother, Carl of Carmel; two sisters, Mildred Close and Ruth Strahm, both of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Rick Pichon

HOWE — Rick E. Pichon, 41, died Sunday at 10:40 p.m. from an ATV accident.

Mr. Pichon was born Oct. 15, 1955, to Larry L. and Patricia J. (Wilson) Pichon in LaGrange. His parents survive in Howe.

He was an employee of BF Grain, Inc. in Orland and was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County. He graduated from Lakeland High School in 1974.

Surviving are one brother, Gregory L. Pichon of LaGrange; and a maternal grandfather, Dewey Wilson of Howe.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Pichon family estate on C.R. 650W and one mile north of Ind. 120 in Steuben County. There will be no visitation.

Funeral arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to the LaGrange County Parks Department or Acres, Inc.

Rhea Tubbs

PLEASANT LAKE — Rhea I. Tubbs, 88, died at 6:45 a.m. this morning at the Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alta F. Sprunger**, 83, died Thursday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel. Calling from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday and an hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **M. Irene Hire**, 64, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home. Calling from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Lester Davis

GARRETT — Lester R. Davis, 87, died Thursday at 10:38 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mr. Davis was a machinist at Hubbard Spool in Garrett for 24 years, retiring in 1975. He was custodian at the Garrett United Methodist Church for 25 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

He was born Oct. 8, 1909, in Auburn to the late William C. and LuEda (Shipman) Davis.

He married Mercedes Fenstermaker on Dec. 16, 1944, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis of Garrett and Randall of Bardstown, Ky.; two daughters, Annetta Matthews of Garrett and Lori Davis of Bridgeville, Pa.; two sisters, Gladys Nahrwold and Violet Double, both of Auburn; three grandsons, Chad Davis of Garrett, Brad Davis of Anchorage, Alaska, and Ryan Matthews of Garrett; three granddaughters, Jennifer Davis of Garrett, Amy Davis of Eastern Kentucky University, and Renna Matthews of Chicago; and one great-grandson, Bo Davis of Garrett.

One brother, Phillip Earl Davis, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Boy Scout Troop 167.

Rhea Tubbs

PLEASANT LAKE — Rhea I. Tubbs, 88, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday at 6:45 a.m. at Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was a lifetime resident of Steuben County, a homemaker and attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

She was born Oct. 31, 1908, in Steuben County, to Carl and Edna (Libey) Tubbs.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Wayne (June) Buell of Angola; one brother, Wendell Tubbs of Pleasant Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers Fay, Arden and Keith Tubbs.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hudson/Salem Little League.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Vivian G. Lumbard**, 99, of Pinellas Park, Fla., formerly of Howe, died Thursday at Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Fla. Services at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Bry

AUBURN — Charles A. Bry, 82, died Sunday at 5:50 p.m. in Auburn.

Mr. Bry was a retired auto mechanic. He worked for Holben Body Shop in Auburn, and then for Dailey Motors in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He formerly lived on South Wayne Street, Auburn.

He was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge, where he served as a past district governor; Auburn American Legion Post 97, and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Dec. 22, 1914, in Whiting to the late Edward and Louise (Palmer) Bry.

Surviving him are one son, David Friedel of Chicago; two daughters, Sharon Friedel Mansfield of Garrett and Judith Bry Stevenson of Warsaw; one stepson, Larry Betz of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Connie Betz Davis of Auburn; one brother, Clarence Sam Bry of Auburn; four sisters, Virginia Finley and Bess Hornett, both of Auburn, and Helen Kaiser and Mildred Shoudel, both of Butler; seven grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, and five stepgreatgrandchildren.

One brother, Edward, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ralph Diehl, pastor of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Helmer.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Claude Sherwood

CHURUBUSCO — Claude V. "Pete" Sherwood, 85, of Swan Township, Noble County, died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for some time and a patient in the hospital since Tuesday.

He was born in DeKalb County Dec. 10, 1911, to John V. and Grace (Conkey) Sherwood. On Nov. 29, 1934, near Churubusco, he married Velda Fulk, who survives.

Mr. Sherwood grew up near Waterloo and lived in Auburn before moving to the family farm in Swan Township in 1943. He was employed by Auburn Foundry and engaged in farming most of his life. He was also a construction worker for Newport Construction of Fort Wayne and was a bus driver for LaOtto Elementary School for a number of years.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Stanley (Joan) Gray of Churubusco, and Karen Dicke of Huntertown; five grandchildren, Todd Dicke and Lisa Allen, both of Huntertown, Troy Dicke of Kendallville, Kirk Gray of Churubusco, and Mrs. Philip (Claudia) Stephan of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and eight sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Ben Keckler of Parkwood Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Ari Church of God in Churubusco.

Sierra Montoya

ANGOLA — Sierra Esperanza Montoya, 52 days old, died of natural causes Saturday at 7:12 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She was born July 31, 1997, in Fort Wayne to Octavio Montoya and Dawn Reinoehl of Angola, who survive at home.

She is survived by her maternal grandparents, Roger and Pam Reinoehl of Garrett and Octavio and Karen Montoya of Angola; her great-grandmothers, Mary Vincent of Garrett, Susie Reinoehl of Butler, Priciliana Montoya of Mexico, and Georgetta Cable of Angola; her great-grandmothers, Hazel Norden of Ashley, Elsie Miller of Elkhart, and Wyona Reese of Garrett; and a sister, Liberty Dawnn Reinoehl at home.

Services were conducted at 11 a.m. today with Thomas Wilson officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Lena Shank

BUTLER — Lena Shank, 75, died Friday at 2:56 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Shank was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born Aug. 16, 1922, in Jackson, Ky., to the late Marion and Shirilthia (Fletcher) Trent. Her husband, Raymond, died in 1986.

Surviving are one son, Roy Shank of Auburn; one daughter, Dorothy Kagle of Butler; two stepdaughters, Lois Fulk of Cromwell and Bertha Rhodes of Battle Creek, Mich.; one brother, Willard Trent of Churubusco; one sister, Hazel Watkins of Williamsburg, Ky.; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Martha Ayers

ANGOLA — Martha R. Ayers, 86, of Angola, died Friday at 10:10 a.m. in Carlin Park Heathcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Ayers had operated the In Town Motel in Chevy Chase, Md., and was the dietitian for Doctors Hospital in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the Steuben County Council on Aging, Focus on Health and Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

She was born Nov. 7, 1910, in Coldwater, Mich., to George and Nellie (Cox) Miller, who preceded her in death.

On Sept. 20, 1930, she married Pierce P. Ayers, who preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1991.

Surviving are a son, George Ayers of Angola; a sister, Agnes Copp of Lansing, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Van Zile in 1989; a son, Roger Ayers in 1993; a twin brother, George Miller; and two sisters, Bernice Hurley and Ruth Hayes.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fairview Missionary Church Building Fund.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Sadie Kathleen Merriman**, 75, died Saturday. No services or calling.

LIGONIER — **David Paul Houser**, 45, died Saturday in an auto crash. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-9 p.m. today.

Myrtle Davis

AUBURN — Myrtle H. Davis, 97, died Saturday at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a native of Avilla. Her husband, Harry Davis, died in 1969.

Surviving are one stepson, Glenn Davis of New Haven; one stepdaughter, Mildred Eshelman of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will take place in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, or the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Sheila Smith

PLEASANT LAKE — Memorial services for Sheila H. Smith, who died Aug. 12 at her home in Federal Way, Wash., will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, 1370 State St., Pleasant Lake, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Clelia Dick

ANGOLA — Clelia May Dick, 97, of Angola, died at 6:30 a.m. today in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Deaths/Funerals

Joseph Buknis

FREMONT — Joseph Buknis, 81, of Fremont, died Monday at 9:10 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He had worked as a tool-and-die maker at Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich.

He was born Jan. 4, 1916, in Chicago Heights, Ill., to Joseph and Julia (Saltis) Buknis, who preceded him in death.

On May 21, 1939, he married Mary Buknis, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joseph Buckness of Coldwater, Mich.; two sisters, Anne Blair and Adele Gillespie of Jonesville, Mich.; and nieces and nephews.

There wil be no services. Burial will be at a later date at Knauss Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Bertha Caton

ANGOLA — Bertha R. Caton, 80, of Angola, died Monday at 11:16 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Caton, a homemaker, was a member of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary Post 31 and Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

She was born Jan. 16, 1917, in Elkhart, to Ora and Ida (Kluth) Stahl, who preceded her in death.

On June 14, 1941, she married LeRoy B. Caton, who preceded her in death on April 26.

Surviving are a son, Roger Caton of Three Rivers, Mich.; a daughter, Julia Horton of Delta, Ohio; a brother, Joe Stahl of South Bend; a sister, Margie Sprong of Middlebury; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Herman Stahl.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Charles Bry

AUBURN — Charles A. Bry, 82, died Sunday at 5:50 p.m. in Auburn.

Mr. Bry was a retired auto mechanic. He worked for Holben Body Shop in Auburn, and then for Dailey Motors in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He formerly lived on South Wayne Street, Auburn.

He was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge, where he served as a past district governor; Auburn American Legion Post 97, and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Dec. 22, 1914, in Whiting to the late Henry and Louise (Palmer) Bry.

Surviving him are one son, David Friedel of Chicago; two daughters, Sharon Friedel Mansfield of Garrett and Judith Bry Stevenson of Warsaw; one stepson, Larry Betz of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Connie Betz Davis of Auburn; one brother, Clarence Sam Bry of Auburn; four sisters, Virginia Finley and Bess Hornett, both of Auburn, and Helen Kaiser and Mildred Shoudel, both of Butler; seven grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Edward, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Ralph Diehl, pastor of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Helmer.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Clelia Dick

ANGOLA — Clelia May Dick, 97, of Angola, died at 6:30 a.m. Monday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was born in Steuben County July 28, 1900, to George and Maggie (Benjamin) Bennett. On Nov. 8, 1921, in Hillsdale, Mich., she married Ralph E. Dick. He preceded her in death Nov. 15, 1981.

Mrs. Dick, a lifetime area resident, was a graduate of Metz High School and attending Tri-State College. She was a licensed minister and at one time taught in county schools until her marriage. She was director of young people in the County Council of Christian Education. She was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church and the United Brethren Quarterly Conference, and assisted many ministers.

Surviving are a daughter, Opal May Collins of Brooksville, Fla.; two sons, Maurice Dick of Angola, and LaDean Dick of Fort Wayne; a sister, Violet Rose Jones of Sparta, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Willard Sanders and the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, rural Pleasant Lake.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services on Friday in the church.

Preferred memorials are to Hudson United Brethren Church.

Robert Whitney

ANGOLA — Robert Whitney, 65, died Monday evening in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Richard Todd

ANGOLA — Richard C. Todd, 85, of Angola, died Sunday at 6:55 p.m. at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Todd graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne and was an engineer for Amtrak and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers and St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

He was born Feb. 10, 1912, in Fort Wayne to Charles C. and Aurelia (Blondell) Todd, who preceded him in death.

On Dec. 1, 1930, he married Geraldine Kassen. She survives at home in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Todd of Indianapolis and William Todd of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter, Mary Forte of Angola; a sister, Mary Alexander of Mount Vernon, Ill.; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A prayer service is to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lena Shank

BUTLER — Lena Shank, 75, died Friday at 2:56 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Shank was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born Aug. 16, 1922, in Jackson, Ky., to the late Marion and Shirilthia (Fletcher) Trent. Her husband, Raymond, died in 1986.

Surviving are one son, Roy Shank of Auburn; one daughter, Dorothy Cagle of Butler; two stepdaughters, Lois Fulk of Cromwell and Bertha Rhodes of Battle Creek, Mich.; one brother, Willard Trent of Churubusco; one sister, Hazel Watkins of Williamsburg, Ky.; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted today at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mabel E. Wagner**, 94, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Eel River Baptist Church. Calling 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

LIGONIER — **Wesley Charles Short**, 64, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with calling there after 2 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Stephen D. Brickel**, 19, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake. Calling 1-3 and 6-9 p.m. today in Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, and from 12:30 p.m. until services at the church on Wednesday.

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Luella Smith

SPENCERVILLE — Luella Frances Smith, 75, died Monday evening in Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville.

She was born June 14, 1922, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Fay and Ruth (Collins) Walters.

She married Woodrow W. Smith in August 1940 and he died Jan. 14, 1983.

Surviving her are one son, David Lee Smith of Gallipolis, Ohio; two daughters, Mary (Mrs. Jack) Lane of Gallipolis and Beth (Mrs. Ron) Carper of Auburn; two brothers, Robert Walters and Richard Walters, both of Hicksville; five granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Odell Renfrow

SPENCERVILLE — Odell Renfrow died Tuesday at 7:35 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Helen Wade

AUBURN — Helen Edith Wade, 84, died Tuesday at 12:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Wade was a sales clerk for 10 years at L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and lived on County Road 38, Auburn.

She was born Jan. 12, 1913, in Lawshe, Ohio, to the late Milton E. and Katie D. (Lovette) Storer.

She married George E. Wade on May 20, 1952, in Angola, and he died Oct. 17,1993.

Surviving are one son, George M. "Pete" Wade of Angola; three daughters, Gwynn Harris of Garrett, Karen Hathaway of South Whitley and Michelle "Mick" Shafer of Omaha, Neb.; one brother, Wayne "Pete" Storer of St. Joe; one sister, Beatrice Laub of Butler; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Bobbie Squires and Hazel Simanton, and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Robert Whitney

ANGOLA — Robert L. Whitney, 65, died Tuesday at 3:50 a.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Whitney was a truck driver for several companies. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Brush during the Korean War. He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Ashley Church of God.

He was born July 25, 1932, in Montpelier, Ohio, to the late Jesse W. and Naomi F. (Wyatt) Whitney.

Surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Martha, of Michigan, and another son, Chris of Indiana; one daughter, Cheryl (Mrs. Jon) Greuter of Angola; two sisters, Virginia Mock and Sharon Kuhn, both of Angola; his former wife, Phyllis Clements Whitney of Angola; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Timothy and Bobby, and one sister, Dorothy Whitney, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Terry L. Larimore of the Angola Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Newville.

Forest Trenary

BUTLER — Forest D. Trenary, 74, died today at 12:12 a.m. in his Butler home. He was a self-employed farmer.

He was born July 12, 1923, in Quincy, Mich., to the late Brooks and Mary (Witt) Trenary.

He married Emma Williams on June 15, 1946, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, DeWayne A., Jerry E. and Clyde M., all of Butler; two daughters, Diana J. McCool of Hamilton and Shirley M. Armstrong of Lambertville, Mich.; seven sisters, Doris Matherly of Elkhart, Joan Cook of Strathroy, Ontario, Canada, Audrie Walter of South Milford, Opal Mason of St. Joe, Ruth Fetters of Wolcottville, Alice Yarde of Garrett and Mary Lou Baughman of Butler; and 12 grandchildren.

Three brothers, Donald, Floyd and Max, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday, at a time to be announced later, in the funeral home. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or DeKalb Memorial Home Health.

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Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home by the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or DeKalb Memorial Home Health.

Odell Renfrow

SPENCERVILLE — Odell Renfrow, 71, died Tuesday evening in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Renfrow worked for the Wabash and Norfolk & Southern railroads, where retiring after 33 years. He was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

He was born July 15, 1926, in Brooklyn, Ky., to the late Kurt and Barbara Ethel (Henderson) Renfrow.

He married Barbara Goings on Dec. 7, 1946, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Sandra Renfrow and Jannie Renfrow, both of Spencerville, Kathy Maldeney and Janice Strachan, both of Auburn, Margaret Amstutz of Waterloo, Minnie Dady of Butler and Julie Shaffer of Garrett; five sons, Lynn of Waterloo, Loyed of Fort Wayne, Allen of Harlan, David of New Haven and Terry of St. Joe; two brothers, Olon C. of Mayo, Fla., and Demar of Auburn; 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Rosco, and three sisters, Stella Mee, Flossie Embry and Agnes Lee.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Wayne Smith officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

Margaret Donegan

WATERLOO — A memorial service for Margaret Heitz Donegan will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Wolkford officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Mrs. Donegan, 78, died Sept. 6 in Daytona Beach, Fla. She was a Garrett native.

James Johnston

CHURUBUSCO — James H. Johnston, 99, formerly of Holiday Park, Churubusco, was pronounced dead on arrival at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, at 6:56 p.m. Tuesday. He had collapsed earlier in the evening at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where he had resided the past year.

He was born in Allen County on Sept. 12, 1898, to Luther and Fannie (Binkley) Johnston. On Jan. 28, 1956, he married Emma C. (Fuchshuber) Miller. She survives.

Mr. Johnston spent most of his life in the Churubusco area. He was a gear cutter at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for more than 33 years, retiring in 1963. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Ruth) Leitch Jr. of rural Avilla; a brother, Robert Johnston of Hamilton; five sisters, Josephine McCalley of South Bend, Grace Smith and Blanche Smith, both of Fort Wayne, Helen Henry of Angola, and Ellen Bligh of Andrews; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-gandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his fist wife, Mabel; and four brothers, Perry Johnston, Mac Johnston, Edgar Johnston and Luther Johnston; and three sisters, Fay McComb, Cleo Lane and Neva Kruse.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, with the Rev. Lane Burgland officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to CompreCare Home Health or Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

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COLUMBIA CITY — **Vallence F. Groves**, 83, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.
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Helen Robbins

GARRETT — Helen Robbins, 74, died Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Robbins retired from Wayne Candies in 1966 and was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene. She lived in Garrett for 58 years.

She was born Nov. 18, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to the late George and Mary (Czinder) Koder.

She married Norman M. Robbins on Jan. 16, 1943, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Carol Smith of Garrett and Jacqueline Partin of Fort Wayne; one son, Daniel Robbins of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Margaret Lemish of Fort Wayne, Rose Gentile of New Haven, and Frances Jones of Clearmont, Fla.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the Garrett Church of the Nazarene, 105 W. Sixth St., with calling after noon. Dr. William Hodge will officiate. Burial will take place in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Llewellyn Myers

ANGOLA — Llewellyn J. Myers, 90, of Angola, died at 7:45 a.m. Friday at his home.

Mr. Myers was a farmer and a school bus driver in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County. He also was an Auto Mechanic for Tenny Motors in Columbia City.

He was born Nov. 27, 1906, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Warren H. Myers Sr. and Mary Louise (Pulty) Myers, who preceded him in death.

On Jan. 9, 1932, he married Treva (Sailor) Myers, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lois Engle of Angola, and Adra Schlotterback of Fort Wayne; a brother, Warren Myers of Bowling Green, Ohio; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Skidgel in 1988; a granddaughter, Lisa Kay Yoder in 1977; a brother, Glen Myers; and a sister, Margaret Wickleman.

Friends may call Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home with Gary Musser officiating. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the family in care of Treva Myers.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Edna L. Vinson**, 61, died Friday morning of injuries sustained in a traffic accident at the Ind. 3-C.R. 1000E intersection south of Kendallville. Funeral services Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling in the funeral home from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Katherine S. Pyle**, 74, died Friday morning of injuries sustained in a traffic accident at the Ind. 3-C.R. 1000E intersection south of Kendallville. Funeral services Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with visitation in the funeral home from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

ALBION — **Elizabeth Dreibelbis**, 87, died Friday. Funeral services Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with visitation there from 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

Sy Stahl

CORUNNA — Sy F. Stahl, 60, died Saturday at 2:12 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Stahl was a truck driver for Sycamore Pallets and was a lifetime resident of Corunna.

He was born Nov. 27, 1936, in Kendallville to the late Orville and Imo (Casselman) Stahl.

Surviving him are his wife, Linda M.; two sons, Tim of Coldwater, Mich., and Jeff of Corunna; three daughters, Debbie Stahl of Vallejo, Calif., Corrine Bender of Coldwater, and Sue Mosley of Corunna; two brothers, Orville of Las Vegas and Don of Kendallville; one sister, Sally Chandler of Marcellus, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

One brother and one grandchild preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Corunna Cemetery, with Pastor Tim Stiller officiating. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Gard

ANGOLA — Donna I. Gard, 70, of Angola, died Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Gard was the owner-operator of Donna's Beauty Shop in Angola. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters of Fremont and the Women of the Moose, Angola.

She was born Feb. 3, 1927, in Noble County to Claude G. and Mildred (Middleton) Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin, in 1994.

Surviving are aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Chester Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Chester N. Hart, 80, of Kendallville, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill one month.

He was born in Austin Lake, Mich., Dec. 27, 1916, to Lewis and Jane (Dunifon) Hart. On Jan. 5, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio, he married Audrey Itt. She preceded him in death Dec. 4, 1985.

Mr. Hart, a retired foundry worker, was a member of the Mennonite Church.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Hart and Tom Hart, both of Kendallville; two sisters, Virginia Coney of LaGrange, and Esther Greeno or Orland; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vonda, two brothers and two sisters.

Private funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Mapes officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation is from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Helen Householder

LAGRANGE — Helen Householder, 92, died Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, following an extended illness.

She was born in Noble County, March 7, 1905, to George and Bertha (Drake) Iddings. On Aug. 23, 1923, in Albion, she married Earl B. Householder Sr. He preceded her in death Jan. 8, 1982.

Mrs. Householder had resided at Miller's Merry Manor the past 17 years and had previously lived in Kendallville. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are three daughters, Barb Strawser of LaGrange, and Betty Jackson and Phyllis Reardon, both of Hamilton; three sons, Earl B. Householder Jr. of LaGrange, Bob Householder of LaOtto, and Thomas Householder of Lakeland, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Warren, a grandchild, two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Katherine Kammerzell of Immanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Betty J. Leighty**, 75, died Saturday. Services at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Chester N. Hart**, 80, died Saturday. Private services Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-9 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **June E. Swartz**, 74, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 5-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Cornelius

AUBURN — Mary M. Cornelius, 86, died Monday at noon in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She was the owner-operator of the Tee Pee Restaurant in Auburn from 1957 to 1966. She owned and operated the Penguin Point restaurant in Auburn from 1966 to 1975. She also was a beautician. She attended Indiana University in Bloomington, where she competed on the swim team. She lived in Auburn.

Mrs. Cornelius was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Greenhurst Country Club, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Elks Lodge and Business & Professional Women, all in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 22, 1911, in Auburn, to the late Henry V. and Florence (Pfiel) Mies.

She married Kenneth Cornelius on Nov. 20, 1941, in Angola, and he died March 31, 1972.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen (Mrs. John) Schopf of Troy, Mich., and Sueann (Mrs. Charlie) Keen of Columbia City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Ann Cornelius of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Henry and Cathy Cornelius of Auburn; another son, Patrick Cornelius of Royal Oak, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Edward Stevens

ANGOLA — Edward J. Stevens, 51, died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stevens was a salesman for Arkwright TV Inc. for eight years and lived in Angola. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a native of Los Angeles.

Surviving him are his wife, Judy; two sons, George E. and Kelly G., both of Angola; and one grandchild.

There will be no visitation hours or services. C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Alma Weimer

WARSAW — Alma J. Weimer, 95, a former longtime Avilla resident, died at 10:40 a.m. Monday at Miller's Merry Manor.

Born Jan. 23, 1902 in Garrett, she was the daughter of August and Marie (Kruger) Diederich. On June 3, 1926, she married Wilmer P. Weimer. Mr. Weimer was president of Community State Bank, Avilla. He died on Jan. 3, 1967.

Mrs. Weimer was a former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, and had been active in the church's Ladies Aid.

She had resided in Kosciusko County the past 29 years.

She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Warsaw, and a member of the Ladies Guild of the church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Norman (Marie) Cripe of Warsaw; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Warsaw, with the Rev. Thomas Vanselow officiating. There is no calling.

Private graveside services will be Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, northwest of Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran School building fund, 1720 E. Center St., Warsaw, 46580.

Arrangements are by Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Richard Tarlton

KENDALLVILLE — Richard M. Tarlton, 69, of Kendallville, died today at 12:52 a.m. in Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital.

He worked as a mechanic and in building maintenance for the Indiana State Highway Department for 18 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post at Sturgis, Mich. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born May 8, 1928, in Garrett to Lester and Florence (McQuary) Tarlton.

On Feb. 19, 1972, he married Haley Vanderpool in South Milford. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, Anthony of Bourbon, Robert of Mishawaka and Richard Alan of Lenora, Tenn.; a daughter, Laura Jane Metcalf of Lenora, Tenn.; a stepdaughter, Ruth Woehnker of Corunna; two stepsons, David Creager of Auburn and Marvin Creager of Avilla; a brother, Calvin Lee Tarlton of Garrett; two sisters, Marge Shirley of Waterloo and Annamae Kresse of Howe; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Dean Bearman of Immanual Lutheran Church, Avilla, officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with graveside military services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Martha Keller

WATERLOO — Martha I. Keller, 72, died today at 12:07 a.m. in her daughter's home in LaOtto.

Mrs. Keller was a homemaker. She lived in Sebring, Fla., and formerly lived in DeKalb County. She was a member of the Butler Eagles Lodge and Butler American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Union Township, DeKalb County, to the late Bruce and Mary (Wolfe) Lower.

She married Floyd Keller Jr. on Oct. 4, 1941, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sandra K. (Mrs. James) LaRowe of LaOtto; three sisters, Alice Snyder of Auburn, Beulah Hankey of Butler and Dorothy Freeman of Hamilton; one daughter-in-law, Lois Garman of Markle; six grandchildren, Curtis LaRowe and Daniel LaRowe, both of LaOtto, Kimberly Yoder of Shipshewana, Amy Ewers of Wolcottville, and Mitchell Keller and Jennifer Garman, both of Markle; and five great-grandsons.

One son, Cleo "Butch" Keller; one brother, Glenn Lower; and one sister, Pauline Harmon, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mission for the Homeless in Sebring.

Gerald Roth

AUBURN — Gerald Y. Roth, 82, died Monday at 1:05 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where he had resided for 11 years.

Mr. Roth retired in 1965 with 30 years of service in the maintenance department at Dana Corp., Auburn. He lived in Auburn and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. He was a former member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auburn's American Legion Post 97.

He was born Jan. 20, 1915, in Auburn to the late Harry E. and Carrie M. (Girardot) Roth.

Surviving him are one sister, Philomene A. Feagler of South Bend, formerly of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Gerrard, Justin, and Bernard, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Raymond Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by Auburn American Legion Post 97.

Memorial contributions may be given to Masses at the church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Bette M. Wagner**, 76, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Golda M. Inman**, 87, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Karen Shafer

GARRETT — Karen A. Shafer, 49, died Tuesday at 12:32 a.m. in Sparrow Hospital at Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. Shafer was a homemaker and lived on North Randolph Street in Garrett.

She was born Jan. 28, 1948, in Auburn to the late Maurice and Eilene (Gaff) Myers.

She married Dave Shafer on Oct. 20, 1978, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael Steward of Kendallville; one daughter, Kim Clair of Crestline, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Sonja McCrory of Garrett; two stepsons, Chris Shafer and Kirby Shafer, both of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. of the First Baptist Church, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Albert Rowe

ANGOLA — Albert E. Rowe, 74, of Angola, died at 5 a.m. Tuesday in his son's home in Albion.

He was born in DeKalb County, Feb. 27, 1923, to Levi and Mary (Bash) Rowe.

Mr. Rowe, a resident of Angola since 1975, retired in 1988 from Auburn Foundry after 39 years.

Surviving are two sons, Albert Gene Rowe of Angola, and John A. Rowe Sr. of Albion; two daughters, Maryann Warner of Waterloo, and Ethel Jennings of Columbus, Ohio; a stepson, Robert Borton Boyle of Coldwater, Mich.; three stepdaughters, Patsy Jean LeLand of Garrett, Sharon Kay Dean of Green Bay, Wis., and Rose Mary Hanauer of Fremont; two sisters, Marie Schwartz of Angola, and Effie Peckhart of Hudson; 15 grandchildren; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in June. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Forrest Rowe, and two sisters, Ellen DeWitt and Dellie Traster.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Alan Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and two hours before services on Friday in the funeral home.

Debra Cook

GARDINER, Wash. — Debra Ann Cook, 42, died Sept. 23 in Port Angeles, Wash. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Cook was born Dec. 17, 1954, in Winamac.

Surviving her are her husband, Carl "Denny" Cook; three sons, Kevin Yoder of Kendallville, and Mort and Kenny "Peewee" Cook, both of Gardiner; her mother, Molly Richie of Ottwell; her father and stepmother, Alex and Ann Richie of North Judson; six brothers, Randy and Mike Richie of Hicksville, Ohio, Dave Richie of Waterloo, Alan Richie of Garrett, Alex Richie Jr. of North Judson, and Bill Richie of Winamac; and five sisters, Annette Millard, Virginia Abrams and Laura Kinney, all of North Judson, Betty Buck of Greentown, and Polly Richie of Muncie.

One son, Steven Cook, preceded her in death.

Memorial services took place at the Kankakee Valley International Christian Center, Knox, with the Rev. Paul Begley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association.

Chester Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Chester N. Hart, 80, of Kendallville, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill one month.

He was born in Austin Lake, Mich., Dec. 27, 1916, to Lewis and Jane (Dunifon) Hart. On Jan. 5, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio, he married Audrey Itt. She preceded him in death Dec. 4, 1985.

Mr. Hart, a retired foundry worker, was a member of the Mennonite Church.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Hart and Tom Hart, both of Kendallville; two sisters, Virginia Conley of Rome City, and Esther Greeno of Orland; a half-sister, Barbara Conley of Stroh; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Private services were held today at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. James Mapes officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Area Deaths

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — **Urban Steckler**, died Monday in Louisville. He formerly served as a superintendent of schools in Waterloo and DeKalb County. Services Friday at 9 a.m in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville. Calling 3-8 tonight and noon-3 and 5-8 p.m. Thursday at E.M. Coots' Sons Funeral Home, Jeffersonville, Ind. (all Indiana times).

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Cora Fisher

GOSHEN — Cora Lee Fisher, 25, died Wednesday in Syracuse.

She had been employed at Aldi's Food Store in Goshen for the past five years. She lived in Goshen.

She was born Aug. 15, 1972, in Tallahassee, Fla. She moved to Jefferson Township, Whitley County, in June 1974 and attended Jefferson Center School. She moved to Pierceton in November 1988, and graduated from Wawasee High School in 1990.

Surviving her are her mother and stepfather, Suzanne E. and Carl A. Wilt of Pierceton; her father and stepmother, Steven A. and Mary Ellen Schonefeld of Auburn; a brother, Byron Schonefeld; two sisters, Tanya Snyder of Columbia City and Nola Schonefeld of Fort Wayne; four stepbrothers, Rodney Wilt of Van Wert, Ohio, Warren Ronald Disch of Fort Wayne, Michael James Disch of Washington, D.C., and Matthew Gregory Disch of LaMore, Calif.; a stepsister, Brenda Johnston of Sacramento, Calif.; and her grandparents, George and Ruth Magin of Columbia City, and Audrey Wilt of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Albert and Dorothy Schonefeld.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Peter J. Miller**, 89, died Wednesday. Services at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Ivan Hochstetler home in Shipshewana, with calling there after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Orva M. Yoder**, 79, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in the United Methodist Church. Calling 5-8 p.m. today and Friday in Miller Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Deaths/Funerals

Arthur Johnson

AUBURN — Arthur V. Johnson, 86, died Thursday at 9:58 a.m. in his son's home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson was a farmer all his life and was a former employee of Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. He was a member of Concord United Methodist Church near St. Joe and attended Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 16, 1911, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, to the late George and Geneva (Hull) Johnson.

He married Blanche Sponhower on April 4, 1947, and she died Feb. 17, 1985.

Surviving him are two sons and daughters-in-law, Vere and Findley Johnson of Fort Wayne, and Dale and Annette Johnson, also of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dola and Mike Mooney of Auburn, and Betty Kay and Tom Landers of Cincinnati, Ohio; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Carl and Robert, and one sister, Ilene Mareur, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Concord United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jerry Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Concord United Methodist Church or the Indian Village Church of God.

Homer Johnson

HUDSON — Homer E. Johnson, 88, of Hudson, died at 8:43 a.m. Thursday in his home.

He was born in Day County, S.D., to Peter and Pearl (Wilbur) Johnson. On Oct. 19, 1939, in Allen, Mich., he married G. Lucile Gratz. She survives.

Mr. Johnson was a graduate of Sisseton High School in South Dakota and moved to Hudson from Michigan in 1944. He retired in 1974 from Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne after 29 years. He was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Connie Clark of Pleasant Lake, and Beverly McClarren of Findlay, Ohio; three sons, Russell N. Johnson of Fort Wayne, Lowell J. Johnson of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Earl B. Johnson of Harlan; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandsons, Stephen Charles Johnson and Michael Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Willard Sanders and the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Preferred memorials are to the United Brethren Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Mildred M. Horsewood**, 93, died Wednesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and 30 minutes before services at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Overley

KIMMELL — Paul Overley, 72, died Thursday at his home in Kimmell.

Mr. Overley was born April 18, 1925 in Marshall, Mich. to Paul and Mary (Mosher) Overley.

In 1950 he married E. Aileen Carey, who preceded him in death in 1981. In 1985 he married Kathryn DeLucenay, who preceded him in death in 1993.

Mr. Overley, a World War II veteran who served as a U.S. Army Corps engineer in Germany and the Philippines, lived in Fort Wayne and Churubusco before moving to Kimmell.

He was a Sun-Dri representative and a wholesale drug salesman for Fort Wayne Pharmacy and Michiana Pharmacy, retiring in 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Overley of Toledo and William Overley of Casselberry, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Wiselogel of Albion, Mich., and Cathleen Erickson of Fair Field, Tenn.; one brother, Joseph Overley of Marshall, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Three brothers preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home of Avilla. There will be no calling.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Robert Cook

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. — Former Fort Wayne resident Robert W. Cook, 80, died Wednesday in North Fort Myers, where he had resided the past 20 years.

He was born May 31, 1917 to Andrew and Bessie (Ream) Cook, and is survived by his wife of 60 years, Geraldine.

Mr. Cook was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fort Wayne and the Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Coral.

Also surviving are two daughters, Roberta and her husband Richard Meeks of Miami and Carolyn and her husband Richard Johnston of Fort Wayne; one son, Larry Cook of Houston; two brothers, John Cook of Wolcottville and Andrew Cook of Fort Wayne; one sister, Margaret Sessler of Brandon, Fla.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Coral with the Rev. Paul Dissington officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the church.

Floyd Lambright

TOPEKA — Floyd "Curly" Lambright, 71, died Friday at 1:47 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill about six weeks and was a patient at Parkview for the last week.

Mr. Lambright was born Sept. 20, 1926 in Thomas, Okla. to Jacob and Alma (Gingerich) Lambright. On Dec. 31, 1950 in Elkhart he married Donna Fasig, who survives.

A lifetime Topeka resident, Mr. Lambright was superintendent of streets and water for the town, retiring five years ago. Prior to working for the town he was employed by Redman Homes of Topeka.

Mr. Lambright was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church, LaGrange Moose Lodge, Ligonier Eagles Lodge and Ligonier Elks Lodge.

Also surviving are three sons, Gary and Kevin Lambright of Topeka and Jamie Lambright of Wolcottville; two daughters, Cheryl Krull of Topeka and Karen Bailey of Millersburg; three brothers, Leroy Lambright of Goshen, Fritz Lambright of Wolcottville and Pete Lambright of Millersburg; four sisters, Edna Eash of Topeka, Mabel Beechy of Kenton, Ohio, Mary Miller of Middlebury and Irene Slabaugh of Lott, Texas; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Amos and Elmer Lambright, and one sister, Viola Lambright, preceded him in death.

The funeral service will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Topeka Mennonite Church, with the Rev. John Hockman officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1-8 p.m. and Monday from 9-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Eden Cemetery of Topeka. Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Lou LaTurner

AUBURN — Mary Lou LaTurner, 50, died Friday at 8:35 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. LaTurner was a registered nurse and an occupational health nurse at McCray Hospital, Kendallville. She was a 1968 graduate of the Parkview School of Nursing in Fort Wayne. She was a former company nurse for Magnavox in Garrett and Auburn. She had lived in rural Auburn since 1974.

She attended St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn Ladies of the Moose and the Indiana Occupational Health Nurse Association. She was a board member of the Northeast Indiana chapter of the association.

Mrs. LaTurner was born July 15, 1947, in Anderson to the late Howard and Jacqueline (Davis) Glass.

She married Daniel C. LaTurner on Jan. 25, 1969, in Anderson, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Andrew W. and Brett D., both of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Angie Smith of Garrett and Melba Hauge of Houston, Texas; and three brothers-in-law, Scott D. LaTurner and Chuck A. LaTurner, both of Garrett, and Sam LaTurner of Avilla.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A Ladies of the Moose service will be conducted Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Donovan A. Coley, pastor of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterial Church, will officiate. Burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to the St. Andrew Church Building Fund.

Anneta Ordway

AUBURN — Anneta M. Feller Ordway, 84, died Saturday at 11 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Ordway had been a special duty nurse for the former Sanders and Souder hospitals in Auburn. She was an office nurse for the late Dr. C.B. Hathaway in Butler for 10 years. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

She was born May 10, 1913, in Liberty, Ind., to the late Cory and Julia (Jerome) Wilson. Her husband, Wayne Ordway, died in 1987.

Surviving are one daughter, Dorothy Leins of Auburn; two sons, Ron E. Feller of Waterloo and Carl E. Feller of Auburn; one stepson, Robert Feller of Little Rock, Ark.; 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one stepson, Richard; one sister, Oreta Wilson; and one great-granddaughter.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Brian Wilcox and Wayne Michael officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Amos Yoder

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Amos D. Yoder, 77, died Thursday at 11 p.m. in his Hicksville home.

He was a farmer and pastor of Maranatha Chapel in Harlan for 29 years.

Mr. Yoder was born March 9, 1920 in Davies County, Ind., to the late Noah and Susan (Aschliman) Yoder.

He married Rose M. Miller on Mary 28, 1938, in Davies County, and she died in November 1991.

Surviving are four daughters, Karen Sanders of Standish, Mich., Roberta Murray of Six Lakes, Mich., Serena Patrick of Jonesville, Mich., and Kathro Yoder of Defiance, Ohio; three sons, Lavon of Fort Wayne, and B. Jay and Bud, both of Hicksville; three brothers, Dan and Pete, both of Hicksville and Sam of Sarasota, Fla.; one sister, Mary Morhart of Mark Center, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Isaac and Ralph, and one sister, Hannah, preceded him in death.

Services took place today at 11 a.m. in Hicksville Mennonite Church, with burial in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to World Missionary Press, New Paris.

Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Mary Esther Poe**, 78, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Joseph Angelo Devito**, 15, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Columbia City. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

HOWE — **Ledger A. Damer**, 92, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

CHURUBUSCO — **Columbus John Sollazzo**, 82, died Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

HOWE — **Ledger A. Damer**, 91, died Saturday. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

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Robert King

VAN WERT, Ohio — Robert O. King, 77, died Monday at 1:15 a.m. in his Van Wert home.

Mr. King was retired from his position as an administrator for Van Wert County Hospital in Van Wert. He also had served hospitals in Auburn, Richwood, W.Va., and Charleston, W.Va. He retired as business manager of Van Wert Medical Arts Building in Van Wert. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the European theater, and attended Defiance College.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Van Wert, the Columbus Grove Masonic Lodge, Van Wert Elks Lodge, Ohio Hospital Association, and Indiana Hospital Association, which he served as an officer. He was a former member of Van Wert Rotary Club.

Mr. King was born March 28, 1920, in Lima, Ohio, to the late Harlan A. and Nell V. (Wilson) King.

He married Eloise Harris on Jan. 21, 1945, in Columbus Grove, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert O. King II of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; one daughter, Elizabeth K. (Duncan) Pritchett of Indianapolis; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Scott Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, Van Wert. The Rev. Edward Jillson will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to Van Wert Area Visiting Nurses or Brumback Library.

Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert, is in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Miller

GARRETT — Bonnie B. Miller, 83, died Monday afternoon in Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colo.

She worked in production at Garrett Flexible for 30 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and lived on West Quincy Street in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 9, 1913, in Garrett to the late Frank and Dora (Doane) Miller.

Surviving her are one daughter, Doris Cooksey of Bailey, Colo.; two brothers, Wayne "Jack" Miller of Garrett and Forrest Miller of Reno, Nev.; one sister, Bernice McGuire of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A sister, Virginia Muzzillo, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be given to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

George McNutt

AUBURN — George A. McNutt, 78, died Monday at 3:46 p.m. in the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McNutt worked in the office of Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co., Auburn, for 15 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and a life member of Disabled American Veterans. He lived in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 16, 1918, in Litchfield, Mich., to the late Lemon H. and Mary S. (Sponhower) McNutt.

He married Mary E. Rice on June 3, 1939, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Donna J. Shoda of Auburn; one son, Jerry L. of Nacogdoches, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Janet McNutt of Elkhart; two brothers, William L. of Garrett and Earl D. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Vada J. Starr of Plymouth, Mich., and Marna Rose Deventer of Hamilton; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Don E., preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Paul Burrus, pastor of Indian Village Church of God, will officiate. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Disabled American Veterans or the church.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Helen Mary Adang**, 91, died Sunday. Services were held Monday in Conneaut, Ohio.

NEW HAVEN — **Gary L. Higginbotham**, 48, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven, with calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Gene Shambaugh

AUBURN — Gene A. Shambaugh, 72, died today at 3:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Shambaugh retired in 1990 as chief laboratory technician at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he worked from its opening until his retirement. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, serving as a lab technician in the Korean War. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, and lived in Auburn.

Shambaugh

He was born Aug. 23, 1925, in Noble County to the late Ora and Pearly (Reed) Shambaugh.

He married Connie Jean Schumaker on June 2, 1956, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, David of Auburn; one daughter, Julie Joll of West Allis, Wis.; two brothers, Dennis F. of Fort Wayne and Robert W. of Rome City; three sisters, Virginia Pflueger of Fort Wayne, Gwen Shambaugh of Auburn and Leona Van Zile of Butler; and two grandchildren, Anna and Daniel Joll.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

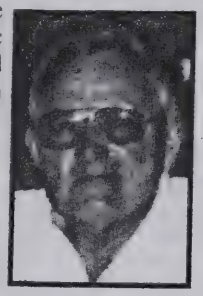
Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr., pastor of the church, will officate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Ralph Howe

AUBURN — Ralph M. Howe, 72, died Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. in his home on Ensley Avenue, Auburn.

Mr. Howe was a mechanic for Haynes and Potter Auto from 1950 to 1955. He owned and operated a Phillips 66 service station on South Wayne Street in Auburn from 1955 to 1973. Since 1973, he owned Howe's Service on South Van Buren Street. With his wife, he ran a service for water smoking of meat in Auburn.


Howe

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Japan from 1945-46. He was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and a former member of the Auburn Jaycees.

He was born Dec. 22, 1924, in Fort Wayne. His father, Walter Howe, is deceased and his mother, Mildred (Snyder) Howe Jordan, survives in Muncie.

He married Betty Rohm on Dec. 15, 1946, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ronnie of Auburn; one daughter, Shirley Dunn of Auburn; one brother, Paul of Hamilton; two sisters, Stella Whitman of Albany and Karla Heydan of Farmland; four grandchildren, Ryan and Laura Dunn, and Timothy and Eric Howe; and three grandchildren.

One son, Roger, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Private services will be conducted at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Parkview Hospice or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Geraldine Egolf Shreve**, 89, died Monday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. No calling.

ELKHART — **Donald J. Rosenogle**, 66, died Friday. Memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion. No calling.

LAGRANGE — **James F. Garmire**, 68, died Thursday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. No calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Elmore Barry

ANGOLA — Elmore Barry, 85, of Fremont, died Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Barry was the owner-operator of Barry Florist in Fremont for 50 years before retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church and a past president of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.

He was born April 26, 1912, in Steuben County to Clyde and Una (Collins) Barry.

On June 6, 1935, he married his wife of 62 years, Mildred, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Rodger and Greg Barry of Fremont; a brother, Owen Barry of Fremont; and nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son and a sister.

Friends may call today from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Scott Schoaff officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Deaths/Funerals

James Lanum

BUTLER — James D. Lanum, 80, died Friday at 6:33 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Lanum retired as a truck driver in 1979 with 35 years of service, mostly at Bekin's Van Lines. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2489 in Bryan, Ohio. He lived in Butler.

He was born Sept. 25, 1917, in Williams Center, Ohio, to the late James and Jessie E. (Young) Lanum.

He married Betty J. Watson on March 13, 1965, in Toledo, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Elsie Ann Hostiler of Hicksville, Ohio; and Peggy Ann Champion and Jeannia Rhodes, both of Butler; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-5 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. There will be no funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Anderson Payne

ANGOLA — Anderson T. Payne, 77, of Angola, died at 2:45 p.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 4, 1920, in Greenville, Tenn. to Alec and Lillie (Thomas) Payne. He married Helen Ingle on Aug. 18, 1945. She died in 1995.

Mr. Payne was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31 and a life member of the Union of Operating Engineers Local 324. He was a member of the Metz Church of Christ.

He worked at the Holloway Construction Co., and was a veteran of the Army and the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Payne is survived by six daughters, Joyce Nelson, Carol German, Deborah Cleckner, Sharon Crager and Rita Alexander, all of Angola, and Janice Mielke of Edon, Ohio; two sons, Jerry Payne of St. Paris, Ohio and Donald Payne of Martinsville; four sisters, Doris Kelley, Asheville, N.C., Minnie Landers, Gainesville, Ga., Edna Payne, Waynesville, N.C., Dorothy Britton, Chicago; one brother, Edward Payne of Asheville, N.C.; one half-brother, Junior Chesteen, Asheville, N.C.; 22 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one grandson, Scott Meredith; one granddaughter, Rhiannon Householder; two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Metz Church of Christ, Metz, Ind., with arrangements by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. The Rev. Greg Essex will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Visitation is from 4-8 Sunday at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Preferred memorials are to the Metz Church of Christ in Angola.

Marcella Seavey

ANGOLA — Marcella Seavey, 78, died at 7:50 p.m. Thursday in Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

She was born March 17, 1919, to Dale and Wildus (Dailey) Fanning. She married Schuyler Seavey on March 17, 1968. He preceded her in death Oct. 29, 1993. Mrs. Seavey was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Field of Angola; two sons, Thomas Crain Jr. of Holland, Mich. and Robert L. Crain of Redondo Beach, Calif.; four sisters, Maxine Woodworth of Angola, June Mark of Avilla, Phyllis Lobdell of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Mary Johnson of Fort Wayne; one brother, Robert Fanning of Angola; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben Township in Steuben County.

Visitation is from noon-1:30 Sunday at the funeral home.

E. Robert Adams

COLDWATER, Mich. — E. Robert Adams, 75, died Friday at 5:23 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He attended the University of Arizona and retired in 1982 from the Grand Trunk Railroad as executive vice president. He worked 35 years for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He attended St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

Mr. Adams was born May 10, 1922, in Fort Wayne to the late Samuel and Freda (Bueshing) Adams.

He married Connie Joslin on Nov. 7, 1942, in Coldwater, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Sam of Coldwater; two daughters, Bobbi Adams of Marshall, Mich., and Billie Lee Sullivan of Severna Park, Md.; a sister, Ruth Gerbers of Woodburn; four grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shelter House for Abused Women, P.O. Box 72, Coldwater MI 49036.

Deaths/Funerals

Armetta Brown

FORT WAYNE — Armetta L. Brown, 82, of Fort Wayne, died at 4:11 a.m. Thursday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Steuben County Aug. 3, 1915, to Earl and Katherine (Hovarter) Parr. On April 6, 1947, in Indianapolis, she married Omar P. Brown. He survives.

Mrs. Brown, a homemaker, was a member of Christ's Church at Georgetown. She had lived in the Fort Wayne community since 1988.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Shirley Guenther of Albion; two sons, Keith Brown of Fort Wayne, and Robert Hickman of Ligonier; three sisters, Evelyn Young and Genevieve Hasselman, both of Kendallville, and Metta Jean Jacquay of New Haven; two brothers, Gladwin Parr of Auburn, and Burdette Parr of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Robert Hudson officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to the Shriners Children's Hospital, Chicago Unit.

Frances Marshall

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Frances (Jenkins Barnthouse Thoms) Marshall, 84, died Oct. 4 in Boynton Beach, Fla.

She retired from Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Mich., and lived in Boynton Beach. She formerly lived in Auburn and in Dearborn. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Auburn and the First Presbyterian Church in Boynton Beach.

She was born Oct. 2, 1913, in Auburn to the late Earnest and Edna (Wilmot) Jenkins.

She married Hugh Marshall, a retired optometrist, on Sept. 12, 1975, and he survives.

She is also survived by one daughter, Gwenevere (Jenkins) Chorpenning of Hamilton; a sister-in-law, Ruth Lee of New Haven; a daughter-in-law, one grandson, one granddaughter, two great-grandchildren, three nephews and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lauren Barnthouse, in 1993 and a grandson, Larry Barnthouse in 1967.

Her funeral service was conducted Wednesday in Howe Peterson Funeral Home in Dearborn.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Andrew A. Yoder**, 85, died Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the family residence. Calling after 3 p.m. today and all day Saturday in the residence.

LAGRANGE — **Anna M. Lambright**, 51, of LaGrange County, died at 3:20 p.m. Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the family home. Calling is after 5 p.m. today and all day Saturday in the family home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Faye Irene Burcham**, 73, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Lois Davis

INDIANAPOLIS — Lois G. Davis, 81, died Saturday in Canterbury Village Nursing Home, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Davis worked in food preparation for MCL Cafeteria for 10 years, retiring in 1987.

She was born Dec. 1, 1915, in Milton, Ky., to the late Howard G. and Adda L. (Lane) Harmon. Her husband, Oscar H. Davis, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are four children, Harold W. "Ben" Davis of Auburn, and Larry G. Davis, Dennis W. Davis and Mary L. Clodfelder, all of Indianapolis; one sister, Louise Littleton of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Private services will be conducted at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis. There will be no calling. Burial will take place in Round Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Huntington Disease Society of America, Indiana Chapter, 8812 Darkwood Drive, Indianapolis IN 46234.

Jasmine Bertoia

ANGOLA — Jasmine Bertoia died shortly after her birth at 12:30 p.m. Friday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Steven and Loretta (Locke) Bertoia of Angola; her maternal grandparents, Maurice and Carolyn Dick of Angola; her paternal grandfather, George Bertoia of Muskegon, Mich.; a brother, Ralph Matthew Bertoia, at home; and a sister, Heather Lee Bertoia, also at home.

Graveside services will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Edith Freeman

GARRETT — Edith M. Freeman, 91, a former resident of LaOtto, died at 5:03 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Freeman was born in Smith Township in Whitley County on March 3, 1906, the daughter of Jasper and Maude Van Houten Harrold, and spent her formative years in the Churubusco area.

On March 9, 1926, she married Charles A. Freeman and spent the early years of her marriage in Eel River Township. She and her husband moved to the family farm in Swan Township, Noble County, in 1940 and lived there until moving to LaOtto in 1968. Her husband died May 18, 1984.

Mrs. Freeman was a member of the Ari Church of God east of Churubusco, the Ari Ladies Aid Society and the Swan Township Home Economics Club.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Larry (Joyce) Hand of Roanoke, Mrs. Stan (Sharon) Myjak of Wyoming, Mich., and Mrs. Jack (Jean) Wappes of Garrett; two sons, Harold R. Freeman of Phoenix and James A. Freeman of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Orval and Glendora Harrold of Columbia City; 22 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Dorothy Ilene Myjak, died in 1977 and a son, Walter Lee Freeman, died in 1996. A brother, Alva Harrold, also preceded her in death.

Funeral services will take place at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ari Church of God with pastors Verlin Rice and Vic Seivers officiating.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, or one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery near Huntertown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ari Church of God.

Helen Van Zile

BUTLER — Helen G. (Auer) Van Zile, 88, died Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

She worked at the former Kroger grocery store in Butler, then worked at Kaiser's Supermarket in Butler until her retirement in 1973. She began working at Higley's Bookstore in Butler in 1974, and continued there until her death. She lived on Pearl Street in Butler and was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

Mrs. Van Zile was born Jan. 14, 1909, in DeKalb County to the late John and Bertha (Hook) Alwood.

Her first husband, Andy Auer, died in 1950. She married Cecil Van Zile in 1962 and he died in 1965.

Surviving are one daughter, Janet (Mrs. Marvin) Snyder of Butler; four grandchildren, Kim Henderson, Kris Henderson, Kelly Snyder and Debbie McClain; 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patty Beck; one brother, James Alwood; three sisters, Ruth Hollinger, Faye Strong and Virginia Strock; and one grandson, Ricky Beck.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Butler Church of Christ or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Deborah Bice

REDDING, Calif. — Deborah Ann (Kerr) Bice, 43, of Redding, died Thursday at Mercy Medical Center in Redding.

Mrs. Bice had attended Defiance (Ohio) High School and was a graduate of Angola High School. She was a former resident of Defiance and Angola, and she had lived in Redding the past eight years after moving from Colorado Springs, Colo. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Redding.

She was born June 5, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Richard P. and Gertrude (Memmer) Kerr.

Surviving are her husband, Daniel Bice, of Redding; her mother, Gertrude Kerr of Redding; and three brothers, Phil Kerr of Defiance, John Kerr of Cottonwood, Calif., and Max Kerr of Redding.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. (all Indiana times) in the Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance, and from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance.

Services will begin at noon Thursday in the church with the Rev. Donald Luhring officiating. Burial will be in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Feed the Children Fund.

Area Deaths

ARCOLA — **Archie M. Arvola**, 65, died Friday afternoon. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Eel River Baptist Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour before services in the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mabel Wherry**, 87, died Friday. Services were today in Columbia City.

Deaths/Funerals

Fern Waldron

KENDALLVILLE — Fern Waldron, 91, formerly of Kendallville, died at 4:45 p.m. Monday in the home of her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Rosanna and Mitchell Crager of Butler, where she had resided the past 10 years.

She was born in Albion, July 2, 1906, to William and Grace (Bidwell) Kettleborough. On April 26, 1927, she married Carlos Waldron. He preceded her in death May 25, 1987.

Mrs. Waldron, a homemaker, had worked for the J.C. Penney Co. and Miller-Jones Shoe Store in Kendallville during World War II. She was a former member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Albion.

Surviving are a son, Robert Waldron of Corunna; three sisters, Erma Nitz of Churubusco, Louise "Bee" Beckley of Albion, and Josephine Jahn of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Rosanna Crager and Gary Waldron of Butler and Theresa Owsley of Corunna; 10 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, three sisters and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorial donations to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 221 N. Main St., Auburn, are preferred.

Christopher Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Christopher Ryan Trowbridge, 16, of Kendallville, was killed Monday afternoon in an auto accident in DeKalb County.

He was born Jan. 14, 1981, in Kendallville, to Steven D. and Pamela (Smith) Trowbridge. They survive in Kendallville.

The youth was a sophomore at East Noble High School and had worked for Jim's Pizza, Kendallville, until recently when he took a job at Bowen's Body Shop in Kendallville. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, and active in the Church of God Youth Group. He loved fishing, music and working on cars.

Surviving with his parents are his paternal grandmother, Thelma Trowbridge of Kendallville; and maternal grandparents, Harold and Iola Smith of Kendallville; and two brothers, Joseph Trowbridge and Andrew Trowbridge, both at home.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Jack Trowbridge.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Church of God Youth Group, Kendallville.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Robert W. Cook**, 80, died Oct. 1 in Florida. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Friday in Wolcottville United Methodist Church, Wolcottville. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Walter H. Steeves**, 83, died Monday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there an hour before services.

HOWE — **George F. Denney**, 90, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Gardens of Memory Cemetery Chapel, Marion. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

WARSAW — **Annie Newsome**, 79, died Saturday. Services were Monday in Grethel, Ky.

WOLF LAKE — **Orville J. Strouse**, 90, died Monday. Graveside services at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Calling noon-2 p.m. Wednesday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Anna Shively**, 83, died Saturday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there two hours before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Nehrenz

AUBURN — Robert H. Nehrenz, 69, died Monday at 11:20 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Nehrenz retired in 1993 after 12 years as a salesman for Foamex in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett.

He was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Cleveland to the late John W. and Gertrude (Glawe) Nehrenz.

He married Paulla W. Watson on July 4, 1972, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Wayne R. of Baltimore, Md., Jonathon W. of Ackworth, Ga., and Robert H. of Auburn; two daughters, Deidre M. Singleton of Georgia and Angela M. Nehrenz of Tampa, Fla.; two brothers, John W. of Florida and Clyde of Cleveland; one sister, Marjorie Hoffmeyer of Kaufman, Texas; and three grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be conducted tonight at 7 in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, where friends may call after 6 p.m. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the National Wildlife Federation.

Ruthella Shull

AUBURN — Ruthella Iona Shull, 73, died Tuesday at 4:40 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett.

She was born Dec. 3, 1924, in Hanford, Wash., to the late James and Hulda (Duchow) Shull.

Surviving her are one sister, Berniece Robinson of Woodland, Calif.; a half-brother, Alva Crabill of Butler; and a half-sister, Vivian of New Mexico.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with calling after noon at the church. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Vida Mcallister

COLDWATER, Mich. — Vida O. Mcallister, 88, of Coldwater, died Tuesday at 9:05 p.m. at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater.

Mrs. Mcallister was homemaker. She was born Feb. 23, 1909, in Callahan, Texas, to Will and Dora (Vest) Brooks.

Surviving are two sons, Lewis (and wife, Monica) Mcallister of Garrett, and Joseph (and wife, Annetta) Mcallister of Coldwater; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three foster children, Richard, Roger and Diana, all of Coldwater; and two stepbrothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orum, in 1994; seven brothers and sisters; and two stepbrothers and a stepsister.

Services will take place at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Coldwater, with Pastor David Gotshall officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to the New Hope Center and Maple Lawn Medical Facility.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **David E. Bontrager**, 6, died Tuesday at 3:55 p.m. following an extended illness. Services Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Joseph Bontrager residence, 1480W — 450S, LaGrange; visitation is after 3 p.m. today and all day Thursday in the family residence, 1530W — 450S, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Lucille M. Becker**, 82, died Monday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Rodney Diehl

GARRETT — Rodney J. Diehl, 40, died today at 3:30 a.m. in his home in North Pointe mobile home park, Garrett.

Mr. Diehl was a self-employed mechanic and a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Oct. 30, 1956, in Angola to Vernon and Marilyn (Siebern) Diehl. They survive in Corunna.

Also surviving are three brothers, Roger of Kendallville, Ralph of Ashley and Mark of Albion; one sister, Rosanne Renteria of Fort Wayne; and his fiancée, Bea Buchs.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Muriel Hoyer

KENDALLVILLE — Muriel D. Hoyer, 83, died at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday in Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born in South Bend, Jan. 3, 1914, to Ory and Rose (Aranenta) Replogle.

Mrs. Hoyer was a homemaker, and had lived in Rome City 30 years before moving to Kendallville, and then to Sacred Heart Home.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Hoyer of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sons, Jack Hoyer of Ashley, Richard Hoyer of Las Vegas, Donald Hoyer of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Jim Hoyer of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Lois Hyman of Flora; a brother Lloyd Replogle of Muncie; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bill.

Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Private burial will be held Saturday in Mt. Zion Cemetery, rural Pleasant Lake.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Richard Johnson

AUBURN — Richard W. Johnson, 75, died Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Auburn.

Mr. Johnson owned and operated Johnson Oil Co. in Auburn from 1946 to 1977. He worked part-time for Revco Pharmacy and Culligan Soft Water, both in Auburn.

He was a 1940 graduate of Auburn High School and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the 30th Division Infantry in the European theater.

He lived on Steve Street in Auburn.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Masonic Lodge, both in Auburn, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Shrine and the Cedar Creek Shrine Club. He was a member and past commander of Auburn's American Legion Post 97, and was a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

He was born Feb. 3, 1922, in Auburn to the late Walter and Freda S. (Vollmerding) Johnson.

Surviving are one son, Walter of Auburn; two daughters, Sharon K. Feingold of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sandra Elaine Albert of Garrett; two sisters, Mildred Lemper and Dorothy Kuhlman, both of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Andrea and Kellie Feingold.

There will be no calling. Private services will be held at a later date, with burial in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shriners Children's Hospitals.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Parsons

HAMILTON — Virginia Pearl Schall Parsons, 79, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Parsons formerly lived on South Miller Street in Hamilton. She was the owner of Schall's Lakeside Market and later worked at Sutton's Market. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton Fish & Game Club, and the ladies auxiliary of Auburn's American Legion Post 97.

She was born Aug. 21, 1918, in Metz, Steuben County, to the late Leola Mae (Adair) and William Ford Zimmerman.

She married Marvin Leroy Schall on Oct. 28, 1936, and he died in 1969. She married Robert Ray Parsons on April 25, 1983, in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and he died in 1988.

Surviving are one son, Phillip Schall of Trafalgar; one daughter, Cheryl (Mrs. David) Garrett of Garrett; one brother, Darrell Zimmerman of Pontiac, Mich.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother, Hershel Zimmerman, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

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Johanna Pinnington

AUBURN — Johanna Pinnington, 89, died Wednesday at 1:25 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Pinnington retired in 1965 with 17 years of service as a cook at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, and was a homemaker. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Women of the Moose, and Auburn's American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary. She had lived in Auburn since 1956.

She was born Sept. 8, 1908, in Liverpool, England, to the late Edward and Josephine (Morresey) Mullally.

She married Abram Pinnington in 1929 in Liverpool, and he died Dec. 4, 1975.

Surviving her are three sons, Kenneth A. of Waterloo, John J. of Angola, and Terry G. of Auburn; four daughters, Maureen M. Ball of Valparaiso, Eileen M. Conrad of Waterloo, Rose M. Murdock of Fort Wayne and Ann B. Pinnington of Auburn; one brother, Gerald Mullally of Burnley, England; one sister, Margaret Roberts of Liverpool; 23 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

One son, Norman, four sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A Women of the Moose lodge service will be conducted Friday at 8 p.m., with a rosary service following at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with a prayer service at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Mooseheart.

Vida McAllister

COLDWATER, Mich. — Vida O. McAllister, 88, of Coldwater, died Tuesday at 9:05 p.m. at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater.

Mrs. McAllister was a homemaker. She was born Feb. 23, 1909, in Callahan, Texas, to Will and Dora (Vest) Brooks.

Surviving are two sons, Lewis McAllister (and wife, Monica) of Garrett, and Joseph McAllister (and wife, Annetta) of Coldwater; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three foster children, Richard Tillitson, Roger Tillitson and Diana McKinley, all of Coldwater; one stepbrother and one stepsister, both in Spur, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orum, on Aug. 16, 1994; seven brothers and sisters; and one stepbrother and one stepsister.

Services will take place Sunday at 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Coldwater, with Pastor David Gotshall officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Knauss Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to the New Hope Alzheimer's Center at Maple Lawn Medical Facility, Coldwater.

Deaths/Funerals

Francis Fuller

ANGOLA — Francis A. "Fanny" Fuller, 78, of Angola, died Wednesday at 7:33 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fuller was a military veteran and a member of Greenleaf Masonic Lodge No. 349. He had worked for Kesson Trucking in Cleveland.

He was born June 11, 1919, in Athens, Mich., to Asa and Nellie (Perkins) Fuller.

He is survived by two sons, Don (and wife, Rose) Fuller of Angola, and Dean (and wife, Pauline) Fuller of Weidman, Mich.; a half-sister, Mary Lou Cornwell of Rockfalls; seven grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 21 step-=great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-great grandchildren; and a companion, Lucille Hantz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Eleanor Fuller, in May of 1992; and a brother and a sister.

Friends may call one hour before services, which begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

LaVern Higbee

QUINCY, Mich. — Lavern Higbee, 84, of Quincy, died Wednesday at 10:50 p.m. at her home.

Mr. Higbee, a farmer, was born Oct. 9, 1913, in Kinderhook, Mich., to Fred and Hazel (Case) Higbee.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Margaret (McNitt) Higbee at home; a son, Dennis (and wife, Louise) Higbee of Quincy; a sister, Maurice Lucille Wyss of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Larry and Carl; and two brothers, Elson and Elmer.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home with Carl Dilley officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery, Algansee Township, Branch County, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to the Quincy Fire Department Building Fund or the Humane Society of Branch County.

Robert Prough

MILLERSBURG — Robert L. Prough, 67, of Millersburg, was found dead at 2 p.m. Wednesday at his farm in LaGrange County where he had been working. He died of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Dec. 23, 1929, in Clinton Township, to Sam and Nellie (Swinehart) Prough, and was a lifetime resident of the Millersburg area. On Aug. 2, 1953, in Millersburg, he married Ramona Marty. She survives.

Mr. Prough, in addition to farming, was a butcher for Mishler Packing in LaGrange County, retiring in 1991. He was a 1947 graduate of Millersburg High School, a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Kenn (Laurie) Lehman of Angola, and Mrs. Price (Marlys) Pounds of Syracuse; two grandchildren; a sister, Arlowene Lambert of Goshen; and a brother, Jo Prough of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jay and Charles.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery, Middlebury.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to ADEC.

Louis Hyde

KENDALLVILLE — Louis V. Hyde, 58, of Kendallville, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday in his residence. He had been ill since May.

He was born June 11, 1939, in Harriman, Tenn., to Henry and Bertha (Phillips) Hyde. On March 23, 1991, in LaGrange County, he married Bonnie L. Bolen. She survives.

Mr. Hyde moved here in 1958 from Tennessee, had been employed by Newnam Foundry since since August 1977. He was a member of Gospel Lighthouse, Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Alethea "Sue" Lambert of Indianapolis, and LeaAnn Smith of Garrett; a son, Louis D. Hyde of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Abigail Lynn Hicks of Kendallville, and Deborah Sharp of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Willie McKinney of Harriman, and Juanita Combs of Garrett; two brothers, Clarence Cook and Virgil Hyde, both of Harriman; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Carter and the Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Marva A. Houser**, 71, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there two hours before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Eva H. Hull**, 66, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Pearl Shafer

LAGRANGE — Pearl A. Shafer, 86, of 2785 N. Ind. 3, LaGrange, died at 8:55 p.m. Thursday in her home.

Mrs. Shafer was a retired employee of Kirsch Company in Sturgis, Mich., and a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was a member of the Plato Methodist Church in LaGrange, the American Legion Auxiliary, Moose Lodge in LaGrange, and Eagles Lodge in LaGrange.

On Aug. 5, 1911, in LaGrange County, she was born to Ernest and Alice (Dunafin) Keller. She married Glen J. Shafer on July 27, 1929 in Centreville, Mich. He preceded her in death on April 17, 1976.

Surviving are: one daughter, Norma Beaty, of Orland; two sons, Keith W. Shafer, of LaGrange, and Larry L. Shafer, of Long Beach, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Two sons, James L. Shafer and Edward Eugene Shafer, two sisters, Helen Shafer and Ella Taylor, and one brother, Clarence A. Keller, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Plato Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Mongo Fire Department.

Deaths/Funerals

Doris Zimmerman

BUTLER — Doris E. Zimmerman, 73, died Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zimmerman worked for the former Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler. She was a bookkeeper for Ernie Yoder Ford in Garrett and for several other Ford dealerships. She served in the WAVES in World War II and lived in Butler.

She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ, Butler American Legion Post 202, Butler Eagles Auxiliary, and Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born March 13, 1924, in Butler to the late Fred G. and Elizabeth M. (Ridenour) Rex.

She married Melvin L. "Mel" Zimmerman on June 4, 1955, in the Butler Church of Christ, and he survives.

Surviving are one daughter, Patricia (Mrs. Tom) Dietsch of Edgerton, Ohio; two brothers, Blaine Rex of Auburn and Robert Rex of Garrett; one granddaughter, Jacquelyn (Mrs. Scott) Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio; and one grandson, Jason Dietsch of Edgerton.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael; one grandson, Jeff Dietsch; one brother and three sisters.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor James O. Wilson of Edgerton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Butler American Legion Post 202 Scholarship Fund.

Ryan Martzke

DELTA, Ohio. — Ryan R. Martzke, 4, of Delta, died Wednesday at Children's Medical Center of Northwest Ohio in Toledo.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas and Paula Martzke, and a sister, Brandy, all at home. Also surviving are his grandparents, Loren and Marlene Jinnings of Pleasant Lake, and Robert and Evelyn Martzke of Pleasant Lake; and his great-grandmother, Agnes Fee of Hamilton.

Services were conducted Saturday. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

James Clearwater

ANGOLA — James Dean Clearwater, 34, of Jimmerson Lake, died Thursday at 2:46 p.m. in Lake James.

Mr. Clearwater had graduated from Kellogg Community College and was an electronic control technician for GTE.

He was a member of the U.S. Parachute Association and jumped regularly for Ski Dive Michigan in Marshall, Mich.

He was born Sept. 26, 1963, in Coldwater, Mich.

On Aug. 28, 1982, he married Colleen (McCarthy) Clearwater, who survives at home.

Also surviving are his parents, Forest and Barbara (Malone) Snow of Coldwater, and Bud Clearwater of Coldwater; a son, Conner Clearwater, at home; a daughter, Madison Clearwater, at home; two brothers, Levi Clearwater of Bronson, Mich., and Eric Snow of Angola; two sisters, Stacy Johnson of Three Forks, Mont., and Robin Curtis of Bath, Maine.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) Thursday at the Pokagon State Park public beach pavilion. Casual attire is requested, and a family picnic will follow.

Memorial donations to the James Clearwater Water Rescue Memorial Fund, Box 29, Angola, IN 46703, are preferred. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Blanch Nodine

GARRETT — Blanch E. Nodine, 78, died Wednesday at 6 p.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Nodine was the owner of Nodine's Luncheon Restaurant in Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge Auxiliary and its REAC group, and a volunteer at the Bargain Box in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 23, 1918, in Rome City to the late Jesse and Nettie (Steinbarger) Donat.

She married Wilmer Nodine on Nov. 13, 1935, in Auburn and he died Dec. 11, 1970.

Surviving her are one daughter, Kathleen Kurtz of Garrett; one brother, Bill Donat of Wawaka; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray, Rex and Walter Donat, and one sister, Lorena Greenwalt.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Oberlin

ANGOLA — Dorothy E. Oberlin, 99, of Angola, died Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mariner HealthCare, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Oberlin, who was co-owner of Oberlin's Garage in Angola for 36 years, was a charter member of the Calvary Lutheran Church of Angola and a member of the Women's Church Circle.

She was born June 23, 1898, in Caldwell, Texas, to Berthold and Rosetta Helbig Reinsch, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her husband, Glen Oberlin, whom she married Nov. 4, 1917; a daughter, Barbara Oberlin; and a sister, Martha Workman.

Surviving are two daughters, Dolores Craun-Elkins of Arkansas and Glenola Sams of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church and the Steuben County Council on Aging.

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Letha Nowels

KENDALLVILLE — Letha D. Nowels, 76, of Kendallville, died at 3:55 a.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kendallville Nov. 20, 1920, to Henry and Inez (Welch) Barhydt. On Sept. 17, 1949, in Goshen, she married Everett Nowels. He preceded her in death Sept. 30, 1974.

Mrs. Nowels was a homemaker.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters-in-law, Adrian E. and Jean Nowels, Graydon and Cheryl Nowels, and Rick and Paula Nowels, all of Kendallville; a sister, Beverly Skeels of Mongo; two brothers, Earl Barhydt of Riverside, Calif., and Loyal Barhydt of Fort Worth, Texas; six grandchildren, Debra Arend of Grand Rapids, Mich., Dennis Nowels, David Nowels, Ryan Nowels, Doug Nowels and Erica Nowels, all of Kendallville; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or CompreCare Hospice.

Sherri Phlegar

WAWAKA — Sherri L. Phlegar, 30, of Steinbarger Lake near Wawaka, died at 10 p.m. Saturday in her residence.

She was born July 20, 1967, in Kendallville to Robert L. and Carolyn (Cook) DePew. Her father survives in Wawaka, and her mother survives in Ligonier. On April 29, 1995, in Ligonier, she married Jimmy Phlegar. He also survives.

Mrs. Phlegar, a lifetime Noble County resident, was employed by Cord Sets in Wolcottville.

Surviving with her husband and parents are two daughters, Felicia Mullins and Shadow Mullins, both at home; four sisters, Bobby Likens of Angola, Karen Wiess of Merriam, and Anita DePew and Joy Dawn DePew, both of Ligonier.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Louis Lindemann

GARRETT — Louis C. "Skip" Lindemann, 54, of Garrett, died at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill two weeks.

He was born in Chicago March 4, 1943, to Louis and Effie (Wenham) Lindemann. On March 14, 1964, in Kendallville, he married Lana Smith. She survives.

Mr. Lindemann had lived in Garrett since July, moving from Huntertown. He had been raised in Elkhart and was a U.S. Marine veteran of the Vietnam War. He was employed as a millworker for R.M. Wieland in Grabill.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Todd Lindemann of Grabill, and Brock Lindemann of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Janet Dorrier of Lanark Village, Fla.; and three grandchildren, Stephanie Lindemann of Littleton, Colo., and Lauren Lindemann and Eric Lindemann, both of Manasses, Va.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **The Rev. John L. Long**, 71, retired Brethren Church pastor, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Brighton Chapel Brethren Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. at the church on Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Sidney T. Bryant**, 58, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Thomas F. Rider**, 61, died Thursday. Services were Sunday in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Timothy Lee Kreider**, 43, died Friday. Services were today in South Whitley.

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Deaths/Funerals

Clarice Maxwell

FORT WAYNE — Clarice K. Maxwell, 90, died Sunday at 8:35 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne resident for 58 years, she retired in 1975 after 14 years as a secretary for Orlus Eash. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She was born Oct. 8, 1907, in Carlisle, Ky., to the late Duncan R. and Retta Lee (Hawkins) Kenney.

Surviving are one daughter, Sue (Walter) Roberts of Auburn; two sisters, Lila R. Norris of West Lafayette and Audra Green of Lebanon; one daughter, in-law, Edythe Maxwell of Whitesburg, Ga.; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. A graveside service will take place at 3 p.m. in Bunnel Cemetery, Frankfort.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, Northern Indiana Region.

Francis Brodigan

KENDALLVILLE — Francis F. Brodigan, 69, of Kendallville, died at 12:10 p.m. Monday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville. He had been ill six years.

He was born in Shamokin, Pa., April 7, 1928, to Frank and Carrie (Stivetts) Bradigan. On July 9, 1960, in Brimfield, he married Katherine Arnold. She preceded him in death March 26, 1991.

Mr. Brodigan, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, was a member of American Legion Post 246, Albion. He was retired from Kendallville Foundry.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Moon of Kendallville; a son, Richard Bunn of Wolcottville; seven grandchildren, Kimberly Gallmeyer and Richard Bunn II, both of Albion, Michelle Pine of Corunna, Ronald Terrill of Goshen, Asa Flint of Fort Wayne, and Star Lechleidner and David Flint, both of Kendallville; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

There will be no services or visitation.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Lola G. Speicher**, 83, died Sunday. No services or calling.

LAGRANGE — **Marjorie K. Summey**, 77, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Thursday in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

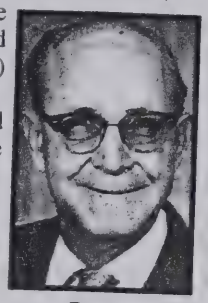
Deaths/Funerals

Clarence Beard

BUTLER — Clarence A. "Bud" Beard, 84, died Tuesday at 9 a.m. in his Butler home.

He owned Beard's Plumbing & Heating for 29 years.

He was born Oct. 13, 1913, in Hamilton to the late Lloyd and Victoria (Collet) Beard.



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He married Elva Jenette Roose on July 6, 1931, in Albion, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Loren "Peck" Beard of Odgenburg, N.Y., Lloyd "Pugs" Beard Sr. of Edgerton, Ohio, and David "Tony" Beard of Spencerville; three daughters, Phyllis Reas of Edgerton, Beverly Davis of Butler, and Inez Prosser of Wabash; one brother, Donald of Golden Lake; three sisters, Pauline Eck and Agnus Suntken, both of Butler, and June Josefowicz of Montpelier, Ohio; 30 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Four sisters, Florence Lint, Virginia Hart, Dorothy Dunham and Vivian Warner, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with Todd Steere of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice.

Harold Barkey

KENDALLVILLE — Harold D. Barkey, 75, died Tuesday at 12:10 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Barkey was born March 25, 1922, to Jesse and Ethel (Kent) Barkey in Steuben County. On April 15, 1948, he married Edna Bonner in Jalapa, Ind. She survives.

He had lived most of his life in Helmer and recently moved to Kendallville.

He was a 1940 graduate of Salem Center High School, an Army veteran of World War II serving in Italy and Africa, a Prairie Heights school bus driver for 26 years, retiring in 1995, and a volunteer at McCray Memorial Hospital. He also ran a service station in South Milford for 15 years. He was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church.

With his wife, he is survived by two sons, Terry Barkey of Helmer and Kenton and Jennifer Barkey of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Justin and Amber Barkey.

Mr. Barkey was preceded in death by three brothers, Lowell, Ralph and Clair Barkey.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Helmer United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and one hour before the service at the church.

Burial will be at Fairfield Cemetery with Angola American Legion Post 31 performing military graveside services.

Memorials are to the Helmer United Methodist Church building fund.

Francis Bradigan

KENDALLVILLE — Francis F. Bradigan, 69, of Kendallville, died at 12:10 p.m. Monday in Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville. He had been ill six years.

He was born in Shamokin, Pa., April 7, 1928, to Frank and Carrie (Stivetts) Bradigan. On July 9, 1960, in Brimfield, he married Katherine Arnold. She preceded him in death March 26, 1991.

Mr. Bradigan, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, was a member of American Legion Post 246, Albion. He was retired from Kendallville Foundry.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Moon of Kendallville; a son, Richard Bunn of Wolcottville; seven grandchildren, Kimberly Gallmeyer and Richard Bunn II, both of Albion, Michelle Pine of Corunna, Ronald Terrill of Goshen, Asa Flint of Fort Wayne, and Star Lechleidner and David Flint, both of Kendallville; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

There will be no services or visitation.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Eckhart

AUBURN — Dorothy Jean Eckhart died Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She retired from Renaissance Corp., formerly the Messenger Corp., with 50 years of service. She attended Indiana University. She was a member of First Christian Church, Sigma Beta Sorority and the Business & Professional Women, all in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 3, 1921, in Auburn to the late Paul C. and Elsie (Beard) Boren.

She married Robert Lloyd Eckhart on Sept. 28, 1946, in Auburn, and he died in 1994. There are no survivors.

Private services will be held in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Elizabeth Boggs

CHURUBUSCO — Elizabeth E. Boggs, 79, formerly of Jefferson Township near Albion and more recently of Columbia City, died at 9 p.m. Tuesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne shortly after admittance.

She was born in Boswell in Benton County Aug. 7, 1918, to Earnie P. and Bertha (Zolman) Cripe. On Dec. 28, 1937, she married Donald R. Boggs. He preceded her in death Nov. 13, 1977.

Mrs. Boggs grew up in Benton County and moved to Whitley County in 1934. She had lived all of her married life near Albion until moving to Columbia City in 1985. She was a former employee of Essex Wire in Ligonier and Kendall Industries in Kendallville, retiring in 1975 from Lyall Electric Inc. in Albion.

Surviving are three sisters, Opal Johnston of Churubusco, Mrs. Donald (Lucille) Dodd of Constantine, Mich., and Mrs. Charles (Beverly) Summers of Auburn; four brothers, Alfred Cripe of Mulberry, Fla., Robert Cripe of Auburn, Charles Cripe of Tri-Lakes and Delbert Cripe of Columbia City; her guardians, Richard and Jan Ressler of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with the Rev. Russell Davidson, pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church officiating.

There will be no public visiting hours.

Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Virgil L. Helman**, 66, died Wednesday in an auto accident near Syracuse. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Isiah Manuel Wallace** was stillborn Monday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Friday in Babyland in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. No calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Bula Francis** 72, died Tuesday. Services at noon Saturday in Five Corners Baptist Church near Wolcottville, with calling there two hours before services.

Deaths/Funerals

Howard Hanson

AUBURN — Howard L. Hanson, 76, died Thursday at 10:05 a.m. in Auburn Health Care Center.

Mr. Hanson retired in 1985 as plant manager of Air-Way Manufacturing in Olivet, Mich., with 35 years of service. After his retirement, he worked part-time at the Coast to Coast hardware store. He lived in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 29, 1920, in Eau Claire, Wis., to the late Halthan B and Alice (Snirud) Hanson.

He married Lucille "Sue" Gill on July 24, 1948, in Bowling Green, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven of Appleton, Wis., and Jeff of Auburn; one brother, John of White Lake, Mich.; two sisters, Lorraine Hanson of Westland, Mich., and Beatrice Graves of Eau Claire; four grandchildren, Alexa and Ashley Hanson of Garland, Texas, and Stephanie and Steven Hanson of Auburn; and one great-grandchild, Christian Michael Staley.

One brother, Bob, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Milton Township Cemetery in Custar, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Gladys Laurell

BRONSON, Mich. — Gladys A. Laurell, 85, of Bronson, died Thursday at 3:20 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Orland Nazarene Church.

She was born April 5, 1912, in Butler, Pa., to Lank and Freda (Myers) Fennell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Laurell, in 1990.

Surviving are two sons, William Thompson of Swanton, Ohio, and Richard Thompson of Mancelona, Mich.; four daughters, Mary Watkins of Bronson, Shirley Schiffer of Bronson, Darlene Hart of Toledo, Ohio, and Harriet Harden of Monclova, Ohio; two brothers, Robert Fennell of Delta, Ohio, and Claire Fennell of Pennsylvania; two sisters, Betty Osterling of Butler, Pa., and Mary Evans of Volent, Pa.; 22 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, George Thompson; two brothers, Glenn Fennell and Calvin Fennell; and a sister, Lelah Lint.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with Rodger Strong officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorial donations to the Orland Nazarene Church are preferred.

Naomi Feagler

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Naomi H. Feagler died Oct. 2 in Florida.

Mrs. Feagler was a retired second-grade teacher, teaching in the Auburn and Avilla schools for many years. She owned Feagler Decorating in Auburn with her husband from 1946 to 1971.

She was educated at Indiana Teachers College and DePauw University, where she was a member of Delta Theta Sorority. She moved to Auburn in 1927 and lived there until moving to Florida.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn from 1938 until her death. She also was a member of Tri Kappa and Order of the Eastern Star in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 9, 1904, in Paulding Ohio, to the late Mr. and Mrs. James Harkless.

She married Dwight O. "Tony" Feagler on June 30, 1931, in Auburn, and he died May 9, 1970.

Surviving are one son, David of Port Charlotte; three grandchildren, Robin Cupka of Indianapolis, Eric Feagler of Minnetonka, Minn., and Kelly Feagler of Coral Springs, Fla.; and six great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Ruth Decker and Frances Hollman, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

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William Hicks

GARRETT — William B. Hicks, 82, died Thursday at 6:05 p.m. in his home on South Cowen Street.

Mr. Hicks had worked as a retail agent for Standard Oil for 26 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Garrett Elks lodge and the Moose and Masonic lodges in Columbia City.

He was born Dec. 28, 1914, in Midland, Ind., to Oliver and Olivia (Smith) Hicks.

He married Josephine L. Crouse on July 29, 1936, in Linton. She survives.

He also is survived by a sister, Regina Myers of Phoenix; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, June Reed; two brothers, Ogle and Charles; and a sister, Phyllis Butkus.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-7 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor John A. Karn will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorial donations may be made to DeKalb Hospice or Spectracare.

Warren McClure

ANGOLA — Warren "Jake" McClure, 71, died Wednesday at 4:36 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McClure was an inspector for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He lived on Crooked Lake, Angola, and formerly had lived in Garrett. He was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge and Garrett American Legion Post 178.

He was born June 7, 1926, in Garrett to the late Raymond W. and Helen M. (Elson) McClure.

He married Carolyn G. Lewis on Oct. 26, 1947, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff McClure of Garrett and Warren J. McClure II of Westerly, R.I.; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Deaths/Funerals

Lenard Fisher

ST. JOE — Lenard M. Fisher, 83, died Friday at 1:23 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Fisher retired in 1978 from Dana Corp. after 20 years of service, and also farmed for 50 years. He also served as a security guard at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City. He was a graduate of Chili High School and had lived in St. Joe since 1943.

He was born Nov. 12, 1913, in Peru, Ind., to the late Earl D. and Flora (Miller) Fisher.

He married his wife, Martha L., on Aug. 31, 1935, and she died in 1996.

Surviving him are one son, Ronald of Topeka; three daughters, Joyce McKown of Waterloo, Ann L. Easley of Auburn, and Constance L. McMinn of LaFountain; four sisters, Helen Davis of Missouri, Beth Miller of Peru, Erma Snavely of North Manchester and Katherine T. Jart of Anderson; 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Al Black will officiate, with burial in St. Joe.

Lauren Oberlin

FORT WAYNE — Lauren K. Oberlin, 42, died Thursday at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Oberlin was self-employed as a certified nursing assistant. She attended the First Assembly of God. She was born Sept. 3, 1955 in Fort Wayne

She is survived by her husband, Duane K. Oberlin; three stepdaughters, Darley Bennett and Debra Hernandez, both of Butler, and Diana Waters of New Haven; a stepson, King Oberlin of Angola; her mother, Thelma Hubbard of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Nancy, JoEllen, Diana and Becky; three brothers, John, Tom and Kirk; 15 stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Ron Hawkins will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert Loucks

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Robert W. Loucks, 67, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Oct. 13 in Las Vegas.

A St. Joe native, he was a carpenter and a member of Carpenters Local 24.

He is survived by: two daughters, Karolyn Kegley of Fort Wayne and Lisa House of Danville, Ill.; a son, Mark of Danville; his mother, Mable Loucks of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard of Fort Wayne and Terry of Wassin, Ohio; three sisters, Harriett Perry, Barbara Kimmel and Phyllis Bittner, all of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services were in Las Vegas. Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home, Las Vegas.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Roland Rimmel Poage**, 81, died Friday at 3:48 p.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville. Funeral services 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling Sunday, 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Vivian Leeson

GARRETT — Vivian E. Leeson, 84, died Saturday at 3:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a supervisor in the greeting card section at Messenger Corp., Auburn, for 35 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of First Church of Christ and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Garrett.

Mrs. Leeson was born Aug. 2, 1913, in Auburn to the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hamilton.

She married Joseph J. Leeson on Feb. 14, 1947, in Angola, and he died Jan. 25, 1990.

Surviving her are two sons, Thomas Rufner of Frankfort, Ill., and Bill Rufner of Defiance, Ohio; two daughters, Barbara Linden of Clinton, Mich., and Carol Jones of Happy Camp, Calif.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Grace Schewe, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or the church.

Kenneth McNabb

SPENCERVILLE — Kenneth W. McNabb, 82, died Saturday at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

He retired in 1974 from International Harvester after 40 years of service. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

Mr. McNabb was born Dec. 13, 1914, in Spencerville to the late John C. and Margaret (Spitler) McNabb.

He married Wanda Marie Kelley on April 8, 1939, in Spencerville, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne D. and Ruth Ann McNabb of Butler, Robert L. and Nancy McNabb of Auburn and John C. and Gloria McNabb of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, John C. McNabb Jr. and Jeff A. McNabb, both of Fort Wayne, Victor J. McNabb of Butler, and Nathan R. McNabb, Colleen S. McNabb and Kevin L. McNabb, all of Auburn; five great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Dale of Fowlerville, Mich.; one sister, Alwilda Walter of Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Earl, Bernard and Glen; and three sisters, Izetta Chaney, Thelma Oswald, and Ethel Landon.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville.

Lennus Lewis

WATERLOO — Lennus W. Lewis, 72, died Saturday at 5 a.m. in his home on North Center Street, Waterloo.

Mr. Lewis retired from Warner Gear in 1980, with 36 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, and a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and Butler American Legion Post 202.

He was born Oct. 16, 1925, in Waterloo. His father, Fred Lewis, is deceased and his mother, Lavina (Oberlin) Lewis Knostman, survives in Waterloo.

He married Delores Chorpenning on April 2, 1947, in Waterloo and she died Aug. 9, 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Mike and Keith, both of Waterloo; one brother, Roger of Battle Creek, Mich.; one sister, Ivadelle Dirrim of Waterloo; and one grandson, Benji.

One brother, Dick, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl, pastor of New Hope Worship Center, officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Waterloo VFW.

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Edith Bruce

FREMONT — Edith May Bruce, 83, of Fremont, died Friday at 4:12 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Bruce was a homemaker and a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church, the TOPS Club and the FOCUS group.

She was born July 12, 1914, in Steuben County to Robert and Florence (Fellows) Bradfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Leo (Suzanna) Voepel of Tacoma, Wash.; a son, Robert Wilson of Tacoma; three grandchildren; and a sister, Eve Claphan of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Joseph Wilson in 1961, and Charles Bruce in 1985; a son, Jimmy in 1952; and a daughter, JoAnn in 1945.

Friends may call today from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Julia Lemasters

WATERLOO — Julia P. Lemasters, 71, died Saturday at 1:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She lived in Waterloo and worked at Aro Corp. for 26 years, retiring in 1991.

Shewas born May 2, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Joseph and Paulina (Kamaztaba) Lever.

She married Paul Martin Lemasters in 1964 in Waterloo, and he died in 1971.

Surviving her are one daughter, Donna Fisher of Wolcottville; two brothers, John Lever of Cleveland and Ray Lever of San Francisco, Calif.; one sister, Mary Baker of Cleveland; and one granddaughter, Stephanie Nicole Fisher.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

There will be no calling. A wake service will be held Sunday, Nov. 2, at her residence.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family, in care of Donna Fisher.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

David Feller

KENDALLVILLE — David F. Feller, 64, of Kendallville, died at 10:15 a.m. Sunday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange. He had been ill two months.

He was born in LaGrange on March 31, 1933, to Harry H. and Willah (Ludwig) Feller. His mother survives in LaGrange. On Oct. 12, 1991, in Kendallville, he married Charlotte Warstler. She also survives.

Mr. Feller was a graduate of Mongo High School and International Business College with a degree in accounting. He was an accountant for Bohn Aluminum Co. in Butler. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and a member of Corunna United Brethren Church, Corunna, and American Legion Post 86 and Moose Lodge 1301, both of Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two sons, Mark Feller of LaGrange and Matthew Feller of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Lucinda Warstler of Kendallville; four stepsons, Tom Warstler of Waterloo, Ken Warstler of Butler, Dennis Warstler of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Jerry Warstler of Auburn; two sisters, Mrs. David (Jean) Northup of Howe, and Mrs. Keith (Janet) Notestine of Terre Haute; three brothers, Roger Feller of Stanton, Mich., and Larry Feller and Dusty Feller, both of LaGrange; four grandchildren, Jared Feller and Taylor Feller of LaGrange, Marissa Feller of Fort Wayne, and Jeremy Yates of Kendallville; and two stepgrandchildren, Traci Warstler of Butler, and Dustin Warstler of Butler.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Corunna United Brethren Church with the Rev. Jim Gillette and the Rev. Jason Hollopeter officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Corunna United Brethren Church.

Joan Miller

WATERLOO — Joan J. Miller, 76, died Saturday at 2 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb following an extended illness.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and had lived in Waterloo since 1963. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and its Rosary Society.

She was born March 20, 1921, in Decatur to the late Frederick J. and Frances B. (Coffee) Colchin.

She married Frances W. Miller on Jan. 17, 1948, and he died Dec. 15, 1972.

Surviving are three sons, Dennis of Butler, Christopher J. of Hamilton and Kevin G. of Escondido, Calif.; one daughter, Monica Rose Ordway of Butler; two brothers, Maurice Colchin of Decatur and Max Colchin of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Jane Miller of Decatur and Lois Sharp of Baldwin; 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

One brother, Mark, and two sisters, Monica Colchin and Martha Kitson, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-8 p.m. in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. A rosary service will take place Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 9:35 a.m. in the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. Father Stephen Colchin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Parish Improvement Fund or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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Richard Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Richard A. Hart, 57, well-known Kendallville cabinet maker, died unexpectedly at 6:35 p.m. Friday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born June 2, 1940, in Kendallville, to Mahlon and Lillian (Kammerer) Hart. His mother survives in Kendallville. On June 30, 1963, in Kendallville, he married Deanna Brown. She also survives.

Mr. Hart was a self-employed cabinet maker and owned Hart Cabinet Shop, Kendallville. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two daughters, Kathryn Hart of Kendallville, and Jane Cox of Spencerville; two sons, Richard Hart Jr. and Michael Hart, both of Kendallville; three brothers, Keith Hart and Lynn Hart, both of Kendallville, and James Hart of Wolcottville; his stepmother, Jaunita Hart of Kendallville; two half-sisters, Susan McNutt of Fort Wayne, and Jenny Wolford of Kendallville; two half-brothers, Ronald Hart of Lake of the Woods, Hudson, and Jeff Hart of Avilla; a stepbrother, Robert Harter of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren, Justin Hart and Lodden Hart, both of Auburn, and Allen Cox and Joseph Cox, both of Morehead, Ky., Adam Cox, Joshua Cox and Ethan Cox, all of Spencerville, and Dustin Hart and Amber Hart, both of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Hart.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

There is no visitation.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or American Diabetes Association.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Meyers

ANGOLA — Harold E. Meyers, 79, of Angola, died Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Meyers, a farmer, a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and the Angola Lions Club, a 55-year member of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236, a member of York Rite, a member of the Beta Farmers Club and a past member of the Steuben County Plan Commission and the county Board of Zoning Appeals.

He was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Henry County, Ohio, to John I. and Katherine (Sickmiller) Meyers, who preceded him in death.

On Feb. 14, 1943, he married Edna Meyers, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, James B. of Angola, Robert J. of Tyler, Texas; and David H. of Angola; two brothers, Kenneth W. of Angola, and J. William of Angola; and nine grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Angola United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials donatons may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church.

Mabel Mote

LAKE JAMES — Mabel Mote, 98, of Lake James, died Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Mote, a homemaker, was a former member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans of World War I Auxiliary. She was a member of the Metz Church of Christ.

She was born July 18, 1899, in Metz to Abraham and Emma (Lorie) Snyder.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley Gorrell of Lake James; a grandson, Todd Gorrell of Lake James; a great-grandson, Ryan Gorrell of Lake James; and nieces and nephews.

On Oct. 16, 1926, she married Clyde Mote, who preceded her in death on July 17, 1986.

Services will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Friends may call one hour before services. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Barbara Thompson

ROBINSON, Ill. — Barbara Elaine Thompson, 60, died Saturday at 1:23 p.m. in the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Ill.

She retired from L.S. Heath and Sons in 1987 with 18 years of service. She lived in Robinson, Ill.

Mrs. Thompson was born Jan. 10, 1937, in Flat Rock to the late Charles "Walt" and Ina (Stitt) Brooks.

She married Byrl Thompson on April 7, 1956, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Cindy Thompson of Auburn, a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Steve Conrad of Robinson; four grandchildren, and an uncle, Fred Brooks, of Stuttgardt, Ark.

A son, Brad Thompson, preceded her in death in 1984.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Goodwine Funeral Home, Robinson.

Services will be condcuted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Jones Cemetery, rural Flat Rock.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association or the Arthritis Foundation.

Bernadette Zegenfus

AUBURN — Bernadette Zegenfus, 84, died Saturday in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was an Auburn homemaker and was born in Auburn. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Her husband, Floyd, died in 1977.

Surviving her are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by six sisters and two brothers.

Friends may call today from 4:30-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Council on Aging.

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Carolina Collins

CORUNNA — Carolina Elizabeth Collins, 2 months old, died at 2:30 a.m. Saturday in Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill four weeks.

She was born Aug. 31, 1997, to Jerry Collins and Jennifer Donnaker. They both survive in Corunna.

Surviving with her parents are a sister, Brianna Josephine Collins of Corunna; a brother, Jordan Silas Collins of Corunna; paternal grandparents, Rodolph and Irene Collins of Corunna; maternal grandmother, Helen Donnaker of Albion; and maternal great-grandfather, Bill Donnaker of St. Paris, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Joseph Donnaker, and her maternal great-grandmother Betty Donnaker.

Funeral services were held today in Stroh United Brethren Church with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Joan Porter

ANGOLA — Joan Porter, 64, of Angola, died Saturday at 11:20 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Porter, a homemaker, was a member of the Fremont Moose lodge and the Fremont American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of the Angola High School class of 1952.

She was born May 6, 1933, in Angola to Marcus and Alice (Rinehart) Beck, who preceded her in death.

On Sept. 21, 1962, she married Dean Porter, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a brother, Joe Beck of Fremont; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a nephew.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Deaths/Funerals

Rev. Vernon Shaw

AUBURN — The Rev. Vernon F. Shaw, 85, died Monday at 7:49 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where he had been a patient for several hours.

He retired in 1978 with 33 years of service as a Baptist minister. He served churches in Nappanee, Clinton, and Newtown, Ind., and in Kinderhook, Mich. He was the founding pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in Auburn. He also taught training classes for 10 years at the First Baptist Church in Arcadia, Fla.

He was born Aug. 23, 1912, in New Bedford, Mass., to the late Charles E. and Myra (Johnson) Shaw.

He married "Ruth" Virginia Schomberg on Oct. 31, 1932, in Garrett and she died Feb. 17, 1997.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Shaw Wells of Hamilton; four grandchildren, Mark A. Wells of Springfield, Ill., Beth M. Darr of Dallas, Texas, Matt D. Wells of Midland, Texas, and Jeff M. Wells of Hamilton; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Leitzel of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hamilton Wesleyan missions or Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Earl Messmore

SOUTH BEND — Earl H. Messmore, 74, died Monday at 3:20 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend.

He was a retired, self-employed shipping broker and a World War II veteran of the Marine Corps. He was a member of the Maple Lane United Methodist Church in South Bend.

Mr. Messmore was born Aug. 31, 1923, in Rochester to the late George and Ethel (Besse) Messmore.

He married Esther Campbell on Nov. 17, 1951, in Indianapolis, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two daughters, Jackie Burkhart of Auburn and Jeroyl Lynn Messmore of South Bend; one son, Douglas of South Bend; one sister, Marie Trump of Pierceton; four brothers, Robert of Indianapolis, Wayne of Francesville, Glenn of North Webster, and Gene of Warsaw; and two grandchildren, Jeffery Burkhart and Jama Burkhart, both of Auburn.

A sister, Doris Williamson, and a brother, Gerald, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Bubb Funeral Chapel, Mishawaka.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with calling after 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Jon Baker will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park of Granger.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Maple Lane United Methodist Church.

Robert Thrush

KENDALLVILLE — Robert M. Thrush, 80, died Monday at 11:57 a.m. in Extenda Care nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Thrush was a supervisor at International Harvester for 37 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, the Shrine, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

He was born Aug. 15, 1917, in DeKalb County to the late Walter and Inez (Heitz) Thrush.

He married Jean Whonsetler on Sept. 14, 1944, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Judy Wolf of Kendallville; two brothers, Albert of Garrett and Jack of Auburn; four grandchildren, Stacy Foote, Rebecca Freeman, Zachary Wolf and Joshua Wolf; and two great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard, and one brother, Ambrose, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A Masonic service will be conducted Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Kathleen Kamerzell officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **David E. Musser**, 44, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **John R. Schneider**, 52, died Monday. Graveside services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Greenwood Cemetery. Calling 6-9 p.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Deaths/Funerals

Roy Witt

AUBURN — Roy E. Witt, 70, died Tuesday at 9:50 a.m. in his home on County Road 40-A, Auburn.

Mr. Witt worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 42 years, retiring in 1995. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, and was a volunteer Red Cross worker in DeKalb County.

He was born Jan. 23, 1927, in Grant Township to the late Albert LeRoy and Rena S. (Richardson) Witt.

He married Mabel Baughman on July 21, 1956, in Auburn, and she died Jan. 25, 1994.

Surviving are one brother, George of Ashley; and two sisters, Edith Lower of Pleasant Lake and Rena Mae Klinger of Delphos, Ohio.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Red Cross.

Area Deaths

SOUTH MILFORD — **Irene Bookout**, 90, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Effie Fletcher Kincaid**, 100, died Tuesday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

LaVon DeMint

AUBURN — LaVon M. DeMint, 88, died Wednesday at 1;50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. DeMint was a retired employee of General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born March 30, 1909, in Fort Wayne to the late George and Josephine (Sarazen) Ely.

She married Russell R. DeMint on Aug. 30, 1952, in Avilla, and he died Nov. 14, 1990.

Surviving her are four nieces, Yvonne Paske of Auburn, Mary Ely of Fort Wayne, Barbara Ely of Chicago, and Jan Chiarello of Fort Worth, Texas; and three nephews, Eugene Ely of Fort Wayne, Wayne Ely of Florissant, Mo., and Robert Ely of Montgomery, Ala.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Service arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Derelys Meek

HOWE — Derelys E. Meek, 73, of Howe, died Wednesday in Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 8, 1924, in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, to William Vern and Auddra (McKenzie) Elliott. On Dec. 11, 1943, in Crown Point, she married Noble C. Meek, who preceded her in death March 30, 1986.

Mrs. Meek, a lifetime LaGrange County resident, had worked at Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., Campbell Soup Co. in Howe and was the former owner of a retail drug store in Orland. She was a member of American Legion Post 215 Auxiliary in LaGrange and Chapter 229 Order of the Eastern Star in Ashley.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Lee Ann) Walton of Carmel; two sons, Kerry W. Meek of Burr Oak, Mich., and Gerry L. Meek of Howe; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jan Elaine Maynard, in July 1982; a brother, Sherrell M. Elliott, on Aug. 31, 1996; and a sister, Lauris E. Leer, on Jan. 31, 1995.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. George Youstra officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Howe.

Visitation is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ancel N. Bell**, 97, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, with calling there 4-9 p.m. today.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Kelsey Jo Kyler**, 11 months, died Tuesday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

LaVon DeMint

AUBURN — Services for LaVon DeMint, 88, will be conducted Saturday at noon in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Calling after 10 a.m. Father Rapymond J. Balzer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

She died Wednesday at 1:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. A rosary service will be conducted today at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mrs. DeMint was a retired employee of General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was born March 30, 1909, in Fort Wayne to the late George and Josephine (Sarazen) Ely.

She married Russell R. DeMint on Aug. 30, 1952, in Avilla, and he died Nov. 14, 1990.

Surviving her are four nieces, Yvonne Paske of Auburn, Mary Ely of Fort Wayne, Barbara Ely of Chicago and Jan Chiarello of Fort Worth, Texas; and three nephews, Eugene Ely of Fort Wayne, Wayne Ely of Florissant, Mo., and Robert Ely of Montgomery, Ala.; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Robert Turner

GARRETT — Robert T. Turner, 85, died Thursday at 8:13 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Turner retired as a farmer in 1955 and was a member of the World Wide Church of God in Pasadena, Calif. He lived on North Lee Street in Garrett.

He was born March 11, 1912, in Jackson, Ky., to the late Andrew and Missouri (Miller) Turner.

He married Virgie Moore on July 5, 1957, in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Darlene Daley, Sally Clair and Lila Joyce Boltz, all of Garrett, Triva Stevens of Lansing, Mich., and Velma Lois Howard of Clay City, Ky.; four sons. Richard and Wesley Joe, both of Auburn, Donnie of Lexington, Ky., and Roger of Jackson; one sister, Ethel Robinson of Cynthiana, Ky.; three stepsons, Vallis Huff of Portsmith, Ohio, Carl Huff of St. Joe and Com Huff of Raven, Ky.; 30 grandchildren, 12 stepgrandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jessie; one daughter, Brenda L.; two brothers, William and Liburn; and six sisters, Kitty Banks, Flora Creech, Mandy McPherson, Lillie Turner, Matilda Littles and Dema Turner.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Alan Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

William Yoder

GOSHEN — William J. Yoder, 71, died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a six-month illness.

He was born April 12, 1926, to Samuel and Hazel Yoder. On May 20, 1945, in Goshen, he married Peggy Sleeth. She preceded him in death Nov. 6, 1971.

Mr. Yoder and lived in the area most of his life. He had also lived in Virginia and Florida and worked for Wheelabrator Frye Corp., Mishawaka. He was a member of United Electrical Workers, Elks Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are a daughter, Tamra J. Faux of Wolcottville and Bessemer, Mich.; a son, Timothy J. Yoder of Angola; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Ray Yoder of Syracuse, and Ralph Yoder of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Eva Rink, and a brother, Don Yoder.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with the Rev. James Butler, pastor of the United Methodist Church, Angola, officiating. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Quad County Dialysis Center, Auburn.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Jane Hall**, 53, died Wednesday. Memorial services at 3 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there two hours before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Howard W. Trumbull**, 61, died Thursday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 5-9 p.m. today and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Bernon Gerardot

FORT WAYNE — Bernon F. Gerardot, 59, died Friday at his Hamilton residence.

He was self-employed and formerly worked at B.F. Goodrich, Woodburn. He served in the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard.

Mr. Gerardot was born Sept. 1, 1938, in Fort Wayne to the late Francis and Edna (Lamb) Gerardot.

He married Patricia L. Noll on July 20, 1960, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Mark of Hamilton, Michael of Waterloo and Myles of Butler; four brothers, Gerald "Bud" of Minnesota, Loyd of Denver, Colo., George of Fort Wayne and Kenneth of New Haven; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio.

Shelly Stidams

KENDALLVILLE — Shelly R. Stidams, 27, of Kendallville, died Thursday at 9:50 p.m. at her residence.

Ms. Stidams was employed at LDM in Kendallville.

She was born June 5, 1970, in Goshen to James Stidams and Vickie Whybrew. Both survive; her father lives in Peking, Ind., and her mother is of Syracuse.

She is also survived by her fiance, Steve Dyke of Kendallville; a daughter, Ashley Stidams of Kendallville; a son, James Robert of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Tammy Floyd of Kendallville; two grandmothers, Tilda Stidams of North Webster and Beverly Stevens of Warsaw; a grandfather, John Whybrew of Flat Rock, Mich.; and a step-grandfather, Andrew Stevens of Warsaw.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Visitation is Monday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Jane Hall

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jane Hall, 53, of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, died at 9 p.m. Wednesday in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was born May 12, 1944, in Bluffton to John W. and Betty Jane (Breiner) Fuller. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

On Dec. 18, 1971, in Fort Wayne, she married James P. Hall. He also survives.

Mrs. Hall had been an LPN in the office of Dr. Don Stallman of Kendallville, and also worked for Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange and Vencor Hospital-LaGrange. She moved to LaGrange from Fort Wayne in 1971 and attended Mongo United Methodist Church, Mongo. She enjoyed painting and various craft projects.

Surviving with her husband and mother are a daughter, Lisa O. LaBrosse of Wahiawa, Hawaii; a brother, Rick Fuller of Cable, Ohio; and a grandmother, Mary Breiner of Ashley.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is from 1-3 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorial contributions are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Marie T. LaBarge**, 100, formerly of Ligonier, died Friday at 10:40 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. Memorial services will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Phyllis Carter officiating. Visitation will be Sunday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mt. Auburn Memorial Park, Chicago.

AVILLA — **Mary C. "Kay" (Fisk) Pritchard**, 77, formerly of Indianapolis, died Thursday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Flanner & Buchanan Washington Park East Mortuary, Indianapolis. Visitation is from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary. A local memorial service will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Entombment will be in the West Park East Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

CHURUBUSCO — **Louise M. Rohrer**, 81, of rural Churubusco, died Wednesday afternoon at her residence. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ronald Franklin Shippy**, 85, formerly of Kendallville and Venice, Fla., died Thursday at 9:55 p.m. at his daughter's home in Muncie. Memorial services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

Sandra Goings

AUBURN — Sandra K. Goings, 59, died Saturday at 10:55 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She and her husband were Union Township farmers for 34 years and she was a part-time employee at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. She attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and lived on State Road 8, Auburn.

Mrs. Goings was born Jan. 31, 1938, in Elkhart to the late Clarence and Evelyn (Sommers) Doub.

She married DuWayne Goings on June 15, 1963, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Todd and Paul, both of Auburn; one daughter, Julie Flegal of Edgerton, Ohio; one brother, Larry Doub of Waterloo; one sister, Linda Grabner of Topeka; and four grandchildren, Jonathan Ray, Jessie Gamble, and Sandie and Anna Flegal.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Rick Garmon officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

William Yoder

ANGOLA — William J. Yoder, 71, of Angola, died Wednesday in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Goshen, he was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was a retired electrical engineer for Wheelabrator-Frye Corp. in Mishawaka.

Surviving are a daughter, Tamra J. Faux of Wolcottville and Bessemer, Mich.; a son, Timothy J. Yoder of Angola; two brothers, Ray Yoder of Syracuse, and Ralph Yoder of Elkhart; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy, in 1971.

Funeral services were Saturday in Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with burial in Rice Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Quad County Dialysis Center in Auburn.

Melvin Yoquelet Sr.

LIGONIER — Melvin E. Yoquelet Sr., 72, of Ligonier, died at 3 a.m. Sunday in his residence. He had been in failing health since February.

He was born May 13, 1925, in Roanoke to George and Lydia (Fulmer) Yoquelet. On June 24, 1944, in Roanoke, he married Evelyn Christlieb. She survives.

Mr. Yoquelet moved to Ligonier in 1980 from Avilla. He was an automatic stacker operator for General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring after 41 years of service. He was a member of Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185 and General Electric Quarter Century Club.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Melvin Yoquelet Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. John (Carolyn) Seeley of Ligonier; two brothers, Eldon Yoquelet of Fort Wayne, and Glen Yoquelet of Markle; three sisters, Ethel Woods of Huntington, Mary Fairchild of Roanoke, and Edna Martin of Leo; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Sterling Shinn officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home where Masonic services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Berniece Wilder

ST. JOE — Berniece Hart Wilder, 97, died Sunday at 3:30 a.m. at her home in Coburn Corners.

Mrs. Wilder was a graduate of Spencerville High School and Tri-State College. She was a retired teacher, having taught at Newville, Hicksville, Ohio, and Spencerville. She and her husband helped organized the Southside Farmers Market in Fort Wayne in 1926.

She was a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ, rural St. Joe, serving for over 40 years as the superintendent of the preschool department. She was a member of the DeKalb County and Indiana Retired Teachers Association, DeKalb County Republican Women's Club, Farm Bureau, Needlework Guild, DeKalb County Extension Homemakers, John Houlton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Pioneer Society of Indiana.

She was born Oct. 31, 1900, in Scipio Township, Allen County, to the late Clyde Eugene and Gladys Gertrude (Baltz) Hart.

She married William Lehr Wilder on June 17, 1923, and he died March 13, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William Clyde and Evelyn Wilder of Columbia City and Robert Lehr and Linda Wilder of St. Joe; one son-in-law, Donald Keirn of Columbia City; one brother, Karl V. Hart of Spencerville; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mary Keirn, and one sister, Alice Kagey Fredricks, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Private burial services will be conducted Wednesday in Alton Cemetery, rural St. Joe.

A memorial service will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Memorial contributions to the church or Woodburn Christian Children's Home are preferred.

Charles Cripe

COLUMBIA CITY — Charles R. Cripe, 67, of Tri-Lakes near Columbia City, died Thursday evening at home.

He was born in Benton County Nov. 29, 1929, to Earnie P. and Bertha (Zolman) Cripe.

Mr. Cripe spent the past five years in this area, moving from Jackson, Mich., where he had lived for more than 20 years. He was employed by Die Cast Corp. in Jackson for more than 20 years before retiring in 1991. He was a World War II veteran and a member of American Legion Post 98, Columbia City.

Surviving are four sons, Charlie Cripe of Winchester, Va., Kenneth Cripe of Haynesville, La., Blain Cripe of Butler, and Stanley Cripe of El Dorado, Ark.; a daughter, Christina Skinner of Louann, Ark; three brothers, Alfred Cripe of Mulberry, Fla., Robert Cripe of Auburn, and Delbert Cripe of Columbia City; three sisters, Opal Johnston of Churubusco, Lucille Dodd of Constantine, Mich., and Beverly Summers of Auburn; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Charles Summers officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Richard Hess

HUNTERTOWN — Richard D. Hess, 75, of Huntertown, died Saturday in the home of his son in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Avilla and was a World War II Coast Guard veteran. He retired from Dana Corp. in 1983 after 14 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Diane C. Archer of Cape Choral, Fla., and Lucinda L. Mericle and Sandra S. Day, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Larry M. Hess of Churubusco, and Thomas L. Hess of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Ruth Heffelfinger of Auburn, Lois Diehm of Kendallville, and Eileen Stein of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Donald H. Hess of Fort Wayne, and Howard M. Hess, Merlyn F. Hess and George M. Hess, all of Huntertown; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 499.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour before services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc. for star

Dureen Miles

ANGOLA — Dureen Hazel Miles, 71, of Angola, died Sunday at 3:25 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miles had worked as the chief clerk of the Riverdale, Ill., police department. She was a member of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Angola Moose and the Garrett Elks.

She was born Dec. 22, 1925, in Chicago, to the late Frank L. and Mabel (Farris) Moll.

Surviving are her husband of 31 years, Ronald Miles, at home; a daughter, Mrs. William (Linda) Klein of Ottawa, Ill.; a son, David Corsello (and wife, Tina Marie) of Highland; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Lela Schmidt

AUBURN — Lela L. Schmidt, 85, died Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Schmidt was a homemaker and formerly lived in Fairfield Township. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Fairfield Extension Homemakers and Ashley Grange.

She was born Sept. 4, 1912, in Continental, Ohio, to the late Louis E. and Flossie Mae (Richards) Clear.

She married Furl G. Schmidt on Jan. 1, 1936, in DeKalb County and he died May 28, 1978.

Surviving her are three daughters, Ellen (Mrs. Robert) Parsell of Waterloo, Carol (Mrs. Darwin) Lechleidner of Butler and Ruth Ann (Mrs. Harold) Surface of Auburn; one brother, Don Clear of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, four sisters and two brothers.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Evelyn M. Carson**, 79, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Wolf Lake. Calling 2-8 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Erma Ellen Ramer**, 91, died Saturday. Private graveside services will be Wednesday in Walton. No calling.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **James E. Tierney**, 66, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Gaspar's Catholic Church, Rome City, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Russell Walker

WATERLOO — Russell F. Walker, 93, died Monday at 6:10 p.m. in his home on County Road 39, Waterloo. He was a lifetime Smithfield Township farmer.

Mr. Walker was born Aug. 18, 1904, in Smithfield Township to the late Frank and Dora (Gfeller) Walker.

He married Helen Miller on May 18, 1927, and she died Nov. 5, 1973. He married Mary Fairbanks on Oct. 5, 1974 and she died April 13, 1987. He married Lorraine Rinehold on Oct. 25, 1989 and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Earl and Marvin, both of Waterloo, and Terry of LaBell, Fla.; three stepchildren; 14 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

One son, Lynn, and two brothers, Carl and Floyd, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Father David Carkenord and Pastor John Kabes will officiate. Burial will take place in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice.

Melvin Yoquelet Sr.

LIGONIER — Melvin E. Yoquelet Sr., 72, of Ligonier, died at 3 a.m. Sunday in his residence. He had been in failing health since February.

He was born May 13, 1925, in Roanoke to George and Lydia (Fulmer) Yoquelet. On June 24, 1944, in Roanoke, he married Evelyn Christlieb. She survives.

Mr. Yoquelet moved to Ligonier in 1980 from Avilla. He was an automatic stacker operator for General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring after 41 years of service. He was a member of Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185 and General Electric Quarter Century Club.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Melvin Yoquelet Jr. of Ashley, and Mark Yoquelet of Cromwell; a daughter, Mrs. John (Carolyn) Seeley of Ligonier; two brothers, Eldon Yoquelet of Fort Wayne, and Glen Yoquelet of Markle; three sisters, Ethel Woods of Huntington, Mary Fairchild of Roanoke, and Edna Martin of Leo; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Sterling Shinn officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home where Masonic services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Helen Perkins

HUDSON — Helen Ruth Perkins, 77, died Monday at 1:45 p.m. in Auburn.

Mrs. Perkins was a homemaker and lived on DeKalb County Road 11, Hudson. She had worked at Monsanto in Ligonier and Weatherhead in Angola. She was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, and the Ladies of the Elks in Garrett.

She was born March 28, 1920, in Kendallville to the late Fred and Minnie (Whitski) Kline.

She married Ford M. Perkins on Dec. 24, 1937, in the Russell Sherman home in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jerry and Fred, both of Hudson; two daughters, Sandy Brown and Trudy Boyd, both of Hudson; two sisters, Della Whetzel of Hudson and Dorothy Owen of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Robert and Alfred, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Bonnita Heimert

WATERLOO — Bonnita Heimert, 39, died today at 5:45 a.m. in her home on West Maple Street. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Heimert was born Feb. 7, 1959, in Auburn. Her mother, Martha (Sprague) Stuller, survives in Waterloo and her father, William B. Stuller, is deceased.

Also surviving her are one daughter, Sarah Heimert-Stuller of Waterloo; two brothers, James Stuller of Waterloo and William Stuller of Elkhart; one sister, Karen Davidson of Waterloo; and her grandparents, Bernard and Nancy Stuller of Waterloo, and W.J. and Marjorie Triplett of Pampa, Texas.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Lisa Heimert and Laura Heimert; one son, Benjamin Heimert; and one sister, Patricia.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be condcuted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lupus Foundation.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Ralph L Ackerman Sr.**, 81, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fruip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Richard Warren**, 65, Whitley County government attorney, died Sunday. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling 6-9 p.m. today in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Neldia Maugherman

WATERLOO — Neldia Fay Maugherman, 69, died Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Maugherman retired in 1988 from Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler, with 19 years of service. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, and lived in Waterloo.

She was born Jan. 16, 1928, in Owensboro, Ky., to the late Griffith and Ann Mae (Hill) Rowan.

She married Dale Maugherman on Aug. 27, 1955, in Owensboro, and he died in August 1982.

Surviving her are two sons, Freeman Hickenbottom of Tucson, Ariz., and David Maugherman of Lakeland, Fla.; four daughters, Carolyn Lindsey of Owensboro, and Debbie Pizana, Mary Fluke and Betty Krontz, all of Waterloo; three stepsons, DeWayne Maugherman, Roger Maugherman and Jerry Maugherman, all of Gary; one stepdaughter, Jennie Miller of Gary; three brothers, Tony Rowan, Rondal Rowan and J.B. Rowan, all of Owensboro; four sisters, Louise Manaway, Betty Shock and Phyllis Embry, all of Owensboro, and Becky Ford of Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Two grandchildren and one great-grandson preceded her in death.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Russell Walker

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Also surviving are three sons, Earl and Marvin, both of Waterloo, and Terry of LaBell, Fla.; two stepsons, Dale Rinehold and Roger Rinehold, both of Waterloo; one stepdaughter, Sharon (Mrs. Max) Reinoehl, Ashley; 14 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

One son, Lynn, and two brothers, Carl and Floyd, preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. Father David Carkenord and Pastor John Kabes will officiate. Burial will take place in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice.

G. Marie Harman

FREMONT — G. Marie Harman, 78, of Fremont, died Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Harman, a homemaker, was born Dec. 8, 1918, in Hamilton to Lloyd and Callie Ruhl Harman Oberlin, who preceded her in death.

On Nov. 13, 1937, she married Kenton Harman, who preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Duane Harman of Fremont; two brothers, Charles Oberlin of Angola, and Lloyd Oberlin of Edon, Ohio; a sister, Virginia Hanna of Angola; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Juanita Berryhill, in 1988.

There will be no calling, and services will be private. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Alice Hoellrich

ANGOLA — Alice K. Hoellrich, 77, of Angola, died Tuesday at 10 a.m. in her home.

She was a 42-year employee of Zellar Corp. in Defiance, Ohio, and a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

She was born May 12, 1920, in Steuben County to the late Fredrick and Marie (Durr) Wandel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loren, in 1985.

Surviving are a sister, Aileen Dodds of Angola; a brother, Edward Wandel of Hudson; and nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in St. Stephen Lutheran Cemetery, Defiance.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Doris Ruth Martz**, 71, died Monday. Services at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Troy Presbyterian Church. Calling 5-9 p.m. Thursday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Monday in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Inman

HAMILTON — Charles E. Inman, 82, died Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Lutheran Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Inman retired in 1975 as an engineer's machinist at International Harvester, Fort Wayne, with 29 years of service. He lived in Hamilton for the past six years and had lived most of his life in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 17, 1915, in Fort Wayne to the late Elmer C. and Alvina (Passel) Inman.

He married LoElla M. Pressel on July 3, 1937, in Fort Wayne. She died May 31, 1985.

Surviving him are two sons, Charles M. of South Bend and David P. of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; five daughters, Bonnie Lou Schweyer and Sharon M. Logan, both of Fort Wayne, M. Charlene Pelot of Mesa, Ariz., Jean M. Johnson of Hamilton and Judy A. Voors of Van Wert, Ohio; three brothers, Roy of Columbia City, Dean of Angola and Arnold of LaOtto; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 pm. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Radtke of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lutheran Home of Fort Wayne or the Allen County Cancer Society.

Fern Stafford

PIONEER, Ohio — Fern Stafford, 96, died Tuesday at her home in Pioneer, Ohio.

Mrs. Stafford worked at the Holabird Co. in Bryan, Ohio, Firestone's Laundry in Montpelier, Ohio, and in several restaurants in the area. She was a lifelong resident of the Pioneer and Kunkle, Ohio, area.

She was born Sept. 17, 1901, in Kunkle to the late Pearl May (Hutchinson) and Charles Ervin Shaffer.

Her first husband, Eugene Means, died in 1947. She married Ray Stafford in 1950 and he also preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Hariet Means of Angola,; one brother, Clair Shaffer of Montpelier; three sisters, Phyllis Markle of Fort Wayne, and Lina Geren and Ruth Pierce, both of Montpelier; six grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Five brothers, Earl, Leo, Elmer, Reo and Vard Shaffer, and two sisters, Cora Rose and Alma Shaffer, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. in Hollingshead Funeral Home, West Unity, Ohio.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. James Means and the Rev. Dale Keiser officiating. Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Robert L. Wenger**, 83, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, with calling there 2-9 p.m. Friday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Francis Thomson

WATERLOO — Francis R. Thomson, 78, of Franklin Street in Waterloo, died Thursday at 8:10 p.m. in the VA Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thomson was a school crossing guard in Waterloo from 1982-1995 and was known to youngsters as the "gum man" for his gifts of chewing gum.

He retired from Auburn Foundry in 1981 with 29 years' service. He was a World War II Army veteran, was a prisoner of war in a Japanese concentration camp and survived the infamous Bataan Death March. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the Waterloo post of Veteran of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 8, 1919, in Sedan, DeKalb County, to Jay and Dora Mae (Likens) Thomson. On Nov. 4, 1950, he married Joyce Hinkley in Benton, Mich., and she survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a son, John of Waterloo; a brother, Robert of Corpus Christi, Texas; and three grandchildren, Barbara, Benjamin and Joni Thomson.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and John, and two sisters, Edith Grate and Jean Kohl.

Private graveside services will take place Monday in the Waterloo Cemetery with Rev. John Hostetter officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorial contributions may be made to Waterloo United Methodist Church or the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Audrey Hoover

AUBURN — Audrey A. Hoover, 84, died Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in her daughter's home in Greenville, Tenn.

Mrs. Hoover retired in 1970 with 21 years of self-employment as the former co-owner of Hoover Grocery Store in Auburn. She also worked at Messenger Corp. from 1931 to 1944. She was a 1931 graduate of Auburn High School and lived in Auburn all her life, until moving to Greenville in 1993. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

She was born Sept. 23, 1913, in Auburn to the late Charles M. and Mabel M. (Grosscup) Hook.

She married William A. Hoover on Aug. 8, 1937, and he died June 12, 1993.

Surviving are one son, Charles L. of Glendale, Ariz.; one daughter, Ann Pickard of Greenville; and six grandchildren.

One sister, Maxine Renner, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Sid Short will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Harry Rottger

ANGOLA — Harry L. Rottger, 72, of West Otter Lake, Angola, died Thursday at 11 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital.

He was a 36-year employee of Mossberg Hubbard Spool in Garrett, retiring in January 1987.

Mr. Rottger was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the 806th Army Air Force. He also was a former president of the AFL-CIO union in Garrett, and a member of the Corunna Church of Christ.

He was born March 6, 1925, in Garrett to Leroy and Coral (Zellman) Rottger.

On Nov. 21, 1944, he married Mary L. Burniston in Garrett. She preceded him in death on June 14, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Harry Jr. of Auburn and Michael Earl of Kendallville; two daughters, Virginia Garrison and Margaret Louise Workman, both of Angola; two brothers, Frank and Harold, both of Auburn; three sisters, Rozella of Butler, Shirley Wyatt of Kendallville and Joan Lilo of Willard, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a son, David, a brother, Bobby, and a half-brother, Pete Winebrenner.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home, with Dallas Savage officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodburn Children's Home.

Myrna Siivonen

FREMONT — Myrna Adele Siivonen, 58, of Fremont, died Thursday at 11:55 a.m. at her home.

She was a member of the Fremont American Legion Auxiliary and worked as a factory laborer.

She was born March 24, 1939, in Lake County, Mich., to the late Edward and Lillian (Rapp) Trowbridge.

Surviving are her husband, Wayne W. Siivonen, at home; two sons, Gary Glen Siivonen Griffiths of Angola, and Edward Oran Griffiths of Fremont; two grandsons, Luke and Kyle Griffiths of Fremont; a daughter-in-law, Cynthia Morris of Fremont; a brother, Alfred Trowbridge of Luther, Mich.; and three sisters, Delores Gribbell of Holden, Mo., Edith Latin of Reed City, Mich., and Carol Holiday of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Shanda Marie Griffiths; and two brothers, Warren and Robert Trowbridge.

Friends may call Saturday from 4-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Doenges officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Thomas B. Keenan**, 69, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Souder

AUBURN — Auburn Rotary Club past president Paul J. Souder, 81, died at 6:20 p.m. Friday in his residence.

He was born March 12, 1916, in DeKalb County to John O. and Bertha A. (Wimer) Souder. On Sept. 24, 1939, in Leo he married J. Regena Warner, who survives.

Mr. Souder retired in 1990 as owner-operator of Paul Souder Construction, which had been in operation 40 years.

As a member of Rotary he coordinated the student foreign exchange program and received the club's highest honor, the Paul Harris Award.

He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, where he belonged to the United Methodist's Men's Club, was a volunteer maintenance engineer for 20 years and a former trustee.

Also surviving are one daughter, Melony K. Ramsey of Lafayette; two sons, Roger N. Souder and Dr. Mark Souder, both of Auburn; one sister, Ruth A. Teeters of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Willis I. Souder, and a sister, Esther M. Springer.

The funeral service will be Monday at 11 a.m. in First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. David Maish officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church, and friends may also call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Health Care and the U.M.C.O.R. program of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Carroll Arnold

ANGOLA — Carroll Gurtner Arnold, 94, of Angola, died Friday at 7:10 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Arnold had worked as an accountant for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the General Electric Quarter Century Club, the General Electric Bowling League and the Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 10, 1903, in Flint to the late Warren and Ella Mae (Gurtner) Arnold.

On Dec. 8, 1923, he married Mary Catherine (Pogue) Arnold, who survives at home. Also surviving are a son, Richard L. "Dick" Arnold of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Evelyn M. Raney of Morrison, Ill.; a brother, Barton Arnold of Angola; a sister, Joyce Brown of Angola; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Dean Arnold, and three sisters, Arline Robertson, Evangeline Frederick and Doris Arnold.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. in Flint United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County. Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Virginia Daub

ASHLEY — Virginia M. Daub, 71, died late Friday at Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola. Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Saloma Bontrager**, 86, died Friday. The funeral service will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Devon Slabach Home, 11350 CR 34, Goshen. Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family home, 11322 CR 34, Goshen.

Deaths/Funerals

Paul Souder

AUBURN — Paul J. Souder, 81, died Friday at his Auburn home.

Mr. Souder retired in 1990 after 40 years as owner-operator of Paul Souder Construction. He was a past president of the Auburn Rotary Club, and had received Rotary's Paul Harris Award. He was a native of DeKalb County.

Surviving him are his wife, J. Regena; two sons, Roger N. and Dr. Mark S., both of Auburn; one daughter, Melony K. Ramsey of Lafayette; one sister, Ruth A. Teeters of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted today at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn. Burial was in Leo Cemetery.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Health Care or the United Methodist Committee on Relief program at the First United Methodist Church.

Albert Wolff

BUTLER — Albert Loyd Wolff, 75, died Saturday at 6:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Wolff was a Butler farmer. He was born July 21, 1922, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to the late Robert and Lillie Wolff.

He is survived by distant relatives.

A graveside service was held today at 1 p.m. in Farnham Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio, with Karl Day of the Victory Barn, Edgerton, officiating.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dennis Downing

GARRETT — Dennis R. Downing, 59, died Friday at noon in his Garrett home.

Mr. Downing had worked in construction since 1958, working with Valentine Construction for the past several years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born Feb. 12, 1938, in Guthery Center, Iowa, to the late Burl and Pearl Downing.

Surviving him are one son, Daniel Joseph Downing of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Beverly Whitacre, Theresa Downing and Denise Downing, all of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

One son, Jack A., preceded him in death in 1979.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb, & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Park Chapel, 6600 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with a military graveside service. Burial will take place in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Fox Island Nature Reserve.

Joseph Crone

ANGOLA — Joseph L. Crone, 79, of Angola, died at 9 a.m. Friday at his home.

Mr. Crone owned Crone's Tri-State Market from 1966-78. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Jan. 12, 1918, in Muncie to the late Joseph and Florence (Doughty) Crone.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph Crone of Hartford City, Darrell Crone of Angola and Richard Crone of Angola; a daughter, Marsha Stewart of Fremont; a sister, Theresa Townson of Florida; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Adam Crone, and a sister, Hilda Brownewell.

Memorial graveside services will be conducted at a later date.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Martha Essenberg

ANGOLA — Martha R. Essenberg, 88, of Angola, died Saturday at 4:15 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Essenberg was a homemaker She was a past matron and 50-year member of Angola Eastern Star Chapter 78. She also was a member of the Red Cross Auxiliary and First Christian Church, Angola.

She was born Nov. 19, 1908, in Hudson to the late Elijah and Emma (Wolf) Shumaker.

On Aug. 4, 1976, she married Jerold "Jud" Essenberg, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Thomas Jack of LaGrange, and Jerry Jack of Angola; a daughter, Jane Linscott of Strongsville, Ohio; two stepsons, Jerry Essenberg of Alma, Mich., and Douglas Essenberg of Coopersville, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Patricia Zynda of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Jack, on Jan. 8, 1973; three sisters, Irene Scott, Pauline Hoyer and Grace Brown; and two brothers, Mike Shumaker and Jesse Shumaker.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. An Eastern Star Service by Angola Eastern Star Chapter No. 78 will begin at 6:30 p.m. today.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations to the Angola Christian Church and Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care are preferred.

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Virginia Daub

ASHLEY — Virginia M. Daub, 71, of Ashley, died at 10:35 p.m. Friday in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born in Williams County, Ohio, May 24, 1926, to Ezra and Hettie (Kline) Maugherman.

Mrs. Daub, a homemaker, had lived most of her life in Ashley.

Surviving are four sons, Lloyd Daub of Indianapolis, Stephen Daub of Shelbyville, Robert Daub of Lexington, Ky., and Gary Daub of Florida; a sister, Esther Barger of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Pat Maugherman of Stroh; a grandson, Christopher Daub of Indianapolis; and her guardian, Marie Kugler of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by a son, Darwin, in 1985; a sister, Ilene Bigger; and a brother, Wilbert Maugherman.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Larry Frye

ALBION — Larry R. Frye, 46, of Albion, died at 8:20 a.m. Sunday in the emergency room of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born June 27, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Jerome and Opal (Rea) Frye. They both survive in Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Frye, a lifetime Albion resident, was retired due to disability. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion in Albion.

Surviving with his parents are his companion, Joy Geist of Churubusco; a sister, Carol Ann Frye of Pleasant Lake; and three brothers, Jeff Frye of Blue Lake, Churubusco, and Mike Frye and Kenney Frye, both of Pleasant Lake.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Glenda Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Albert J. Lesh**, 86, died Friday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Louie F. Rockemann Jr.**, 70, died Sunday. Graveside services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. There is no calling.

SYRACUSE — **Erba M. Gardner**, 79, died Sunday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Irene Luke

BUTLER — Irene Grace Luke, 84, died Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Luke lived in Butler. She retired from Kitchen Quip of Waterloo in 1962.

She was born Jan. 6, 1913, in Butler to the late Commodore and Ada (Wyckoff) Hagerty.

Her first husband, John Doan, died in 1951. She married Kenneth Luke on April 3, 1952, in Kendallville and he died Jan. 24, 1990.

Surviving her are one stepson, Charles Luke of Alaska; one stepdaughter, Jeanette Lucas of Sandpoint, Idaho; one brother, Ora Hagerty of Zephyrhills, Fla.; and one sister, Geneva Oberlin of Butler.

She was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Janice Walk, and two sisters, Gertrude Lindsay and Wilma Sleesman.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Dale Gerig of the Jamestown Church, Fremont, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Margo Kibe

CORUNNA — Margo Kibe, 57, died Nov. 5 in London, England. She lived in Corunna.

Mrs. Kibe was born May 19, 1940 in England. she married Joseph Kibe on July 4, 1959, in London, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert of Corunna; one brother, Robert, in England; one sister, Ann, in England; and two grandchildren, Darren and Erin.

Services will be conducted Thursday in Garston, England, near London.

Charles Baxter

HAMILTON — Charles Ross Baxter, 72, died Sunday at his daughter's home in Billings, Mont.

Mr. Baxter was a dispatcher for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 20 years in Deshler, Ohio, and operated one of the first centralized traffic control machines, introduced about 1962. He lived in Garrett for 12 years, in Kent, Ohio, for 10 years, and in Key West and North Fort Myers, Fla. for 10 years. He lived in Steuben County until last May, when he moved to Billings.

He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1943. He enjoyed family history, Civil War study, steam locomotives and woodworking.

He was born March 27, 1925, in Steuben County to Bryan and Bess (Jackson) Baxter. His mother died in 1974 and his father died in 1991.

He married Mabel Phyliss Newcomer in January 1945, and she died in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Candace L. and Richard Miller of Billings; one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Bruce A. and Rita Baxter of Tallmadge, Ohio, two sisters, Phyliss Fuller of Hamilton and Mildred Davis of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Derek, in 1978, and one son, Daniel Mark, in 1981.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home-Hamilton Chapel.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Faith Baptist Church, Angola, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Richard Miller and Dr. Arnold Fair will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Big Sky Hospice of Billings, or to Gideons International.

Berta Porter

CLIO, Mich. — Berta Porter, 106, formerly of Angola, died Sunday at Clio Convalescent Center, Clio, Mich.

Mrs. Porter was born April 21, 1891, in Little Rock, Ark., to Rufus and Myrtle Mason Gibson, who preceded her in death.

She married Lee Michael, Clyde Letts and Lester Porter. All preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Juanita Young of Montrose, Mich., and Virginia Dayringer of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at Kinderhook Community Church, Kinderhook, Mich.

Services begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the church with the Rev. Richard Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Knaus Cemetery, Kinderhook.

Arrangements are being made by Kendall Funeral Home, St. Charles, Mich.

Prudence Oberlin

NEW HAVEN — Prudence A. "Prue" Oberlin, 79, died Sunday at Harborside Health Care in New Haven.

She was born in Butler and taught at schools in Butler and Bryant. She retired in 1978 from Elmhurst High School as an English teacher after 16 years there. She was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church and had lived in New Haven since 1952.

Surviving her are her husband, Verl; one daughter, Mary Petersen of Etna Green; four sons, John and Joseph, both of New Haven, James of Fort Wayne, and Thomas of Woodburn; two sisters, Betty Smith of Fort Wayne and Hildreth Nell Sanders of Evansville; and 13 grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven.

Memorial contributions may be given to Heartland Home Care & Hospice, 1315 Director's Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne IN 46808.

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Irene Luke

BUTLER — Irene Grace Luke, 84, died Sunday at 10:15 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Luke lived in Butler. She retired from Kitchen Quip of Waterloo in 1962.

She was born Jan. 6, 1913, in Butler to the late Commodore and Ada (Wyckoff) Hagerty.

Her first husband, John Doan, died in 1951. She married Kenneth Luke on April 3, 1952, in Kendallville and he died Jan. 24, 1990.

Surviving her are one stepson, Charles Luke of Alaska; one stepdaughter, Jeanette Lucas of Sandpoint, Idaho; one brother, Ora Hagerty of Zephyrhills, Fla.; and one sister, Geneva Oberlin of Butler; eight stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Janice Walk; three brothers, Vernon Kenneth and Adrian Hagerty; and three sisters, Gertrude Lindsay, Wilma Sleesman, and Hazel Halter.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Dale Gerig of the Jamestown Church, Fremont, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

John Elam

GARRETT — John E. Elam, 85, formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday at the Arbors of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Elam was born in Garrett, and was part owner and operator of Elam & Jahn Tires for 28 years. He was also a World II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia Sanders Elam; a son, Eric Sanders Elam of Fort Wayne; and a brother, George E. Houston.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army or to CARE.

Delefern Hubbard

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Delefern "Del" Hubbard, 97, formerly of Angola, died Monday at Mariner Health in Clearwater.

Mrs. Hubbard, a linen sales clerk, was a member of Daughters of the Nile-Teti Sheri Temple, a former member of the Lanidaw Club of Angola, and a member of the Steuben County Republican Women and the Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born July 20, 1900, in Mishawaka to the late Ralph and Lydia Reed Slocum.

On May 26, 1949, she married Harris Hubbard, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Suzanne Stefoff, of Fort Wayne and Sara Patronelli of Liberty, Tenn.; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Friends may call Saturday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. Ted Blosser officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorial donations to the Angola United Methodist Church are preferred.

Margaret Twitchell

ORLAND — Margaret E. Twitchell, 82, of Norwalk, Ohio, and formerly of Orland, died at 9:03 p.m. Monday in Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk.

She was born in Salem Center, July 25, 1915, to William and Bessie (Meyers) Stout. She married Jonas Twitchell who preceded her in death in 1988.

Mrs. Twitchell was a homemaker and enjoyed crafting, cooking and needlework.

Surviving three daughters and sons-in-laws, Eleanor and Alexander Winkler of Collins, Ohio, and Elsie and John Francisco and Sue and Danny Kaye, all of Norwalk; a son and daughter-in-law, J. William and Bonnie Twitchell of Ruskin, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Annabell Moore, and a brother, Harry Stout.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. E.C. Robles of Norwalk officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, rural Orland.

Visitation is one hour before services on Friday in the funeral home.

Joseph Crone

ANGOLA — Joseph L. Crone, 79, of Angola, died Friday at 9 a.m.

Mr. Crone owned Crone's Tri-State Market from 1966-78. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Jan. 12, 1918, in Muncie to the late Joseph and Florence (Doughty) Crone.

Surviving him are his wife, Ida Mae (Bice) Crone of Angola; three sons, Joseph of Hartford City, and Darrell and Richard, both of Angola; a daughter, Marsha Stewart of Fremont; a sister, Theresa Townson of Florida; one foster daughter, Kay Valangeon of Winchester; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Adam, and a sister, Hilda Brownewell.

Memorial graveside services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. There will be no calling. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Delbert Gibson

FORT WAYNE — Delbert E. Gibson, 67, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

A lifelong resident of Allen County, he retired in 1985 after 25 years at International Harvester. He was also a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; four sons, Ronald of Decatur and Joseph, Ray and Mike, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Karen Hoagland of Fremont and Deborah Burns of Fort Wayne; his father, Walter of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ralph of Auburn; three sisters, Geraldine Huguenard and Delores Bowers, both of New Haven, and Evelyn Morris of Cape Coral, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maple Crest Road, Fort Wayne, with a vigil and rosary service at 4:30 p.m.

Calling also will take place at 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or to Masses.

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Deaths/Funerals

Bonnie Perry

GARRETT — Bonnie Jean Perry, 70, died Wednesday at 11:55 a.m. at a friend's home in Auburn.

She managed the former Roland's Restaurant in Auburn and worked at the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 15 years. She was a full-time mother and grandmother who loved the holidays.

She was born Sept. 21, 1927, in Auburn to the late Ralph and Lena (Nelson) Roland.

Surviving her are two daughters, Jean Young of Garrett and Deborah Perry of Avilla; two brothers, Ralph Roland of Willard, Ohio, and Al Roland of Aylett, Va.; three sisters, Fairy Stomm of Corunna, Diane Rowe of Garrett and Joan Hindman of Pleasant Lake; and three grandsons, Paul Warfield, Brent Warfield and Kennith Young.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **John D. Bockelman**, 80, died Tuesday. Prayers at 10:30 a.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Columbia City, and services at 11 a.m. Friday in Hope Lutheran Church, Coesse. Calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Deaths

Betty Jenkins

ANGOLA — Betty (Esterle) Jenkins, 81, of Angola, died Nov. 11 in Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, and a son, William.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Jenkins (and wife, Rose), and Rick Jenkins (and wife, Karen); a daughter, Mary Ann Kelley; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Laura Smith

NEW HAVEN — Laura B. Smith, 73, of New Haven, died Wednesday in her home.

She was born July 4, 1924, in Kendallville to James Elmer and Vada (Bowman) Boszor. She married Clardon C. Smith, who survives in New Haven.

Mrs. Smith, a store clerk for Barrett's 5 Cent to $1 store, was a member of Statewood Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Judith Ann Smith of Fort Wayne, and Janet L. Smith of Auburn.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Statewood Baptist Church building fund, 2208 N. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Donald L. Kammerer**, 57, died Wednesday. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — **Patty Louise Elliott**, 49, died Wednesday. Services at 11 a.m. Saturday in New Freedom Baptist Church, LaGrange, with calling there after 11 a.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Amber Heffley

AUBURN — Amber L. Heffley, 88, died Friday at 11:28 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born Jan. 5, 1909, in Butler, to Judd and Rosann (Hand) Fee. On Aug. 12, 1925, in Coldwater, Mich., she married Ralph Heffley, who preceded her in death Jan. 13, 1985.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. George (Carole) Henry of Auburn; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Doris Dorsey of Waterloo; and two brothers, Maynard Fee of Butler and Edson Fee of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ralph Newman Heffley, three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Stevan Haiflich officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 4-7 p.m. Sunday.

Memorial donations may be made to the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

John Hillis

CARMEL— John Allen Hillis, 32, died Wednesday of natural causes.

He was employed in sales for National Wine & Spirits for two or three years and had clients in northeast Indiana. He previously owned the Allied No. 1 Liquor Store on East Washington Street, Carmel, for three years. He was a graduate of Westfield High School and attended Ivy Tech. He was a member of The Church at the Crossing and lived in Carmel.

Surviving him are his wife, Terri Updike Hillis; a daughter, Bailey Hillis; his father and stepmother, John and Phyllis Hillis; an aunt and uncle, Jean and Richard Meredith; three brothers, Don E. Meredith, Thomas Christopher Meredith and Kevin Hillis; two sisters, Monica Hollman and Tonya Hillis; and a grandmother, Grace Harting.

His mother, Phyllis Ann Stacy Hillis, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in Shirley Brothers Castleton Chapel.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with burial in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Bailey J. Hillis Fund.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Donald L. Kammerer**, 57, of Kendallville, died Wednesday. Memorial services 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

CHURUBUSCO — **Roma L. Weaver**, 93, died at 3:10 p.m. Friday at Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. Services at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling at the funeral home 2-8 p.m. Monday.

LIGONIER — **Kenny C. Kline**, 47, of Ligonier, died at 9:40 a.m. Friday. Services at 2 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling at the funeral home 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorsey Fields

AUBURN — Dorsey Fields, 64, died Sunday at 6:35 a.m. in his home on East Fifth Street, Auburn.

Mr. Fields was a sales manager at Cooper Engineered Products from 1967 to 1993. He was a 1952 graduate of Waterloo High School and had six years of college education. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Greenhurst Country Club, the Elks lodge, Moose lodge and the American Legion, all in Auburn.

Fields

He was born Jan. 14, 1933, in Menifee, Ky., to the late Hiram and Annie (Wells) Fields.

He married Herma Stevens on Jan. 19, 1957, in Corunna, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tamara Johnston of Carmel and Debra Blevins of Auburn; one brother, Alfred of Garrett; one stepbrother, Howard Meadows of Menifee; three sisters, Evan Mason of Angola and Grace Helton and Pauline Carpenter, both of Auburn; and two granddaughters, Crystel Kennedy and Melissa Kennedy.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Merritt Stroman

GARRETT — Merritt L. Stroman, 83, of Garrett, died at 6:55 a.m. Sunday in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton.

He was born in Helmer March 5, 1914, to Worthy and Clementine (Emerick) Stroman. On Dec. 25, 1937, in Salem Center, he married Marjory Leas. She survives.

Mr. Stroman was a construction superintendent for Hagerman Construction in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1976. He was involved in the construction of the Allen County Memorial Coliseum, Parkview Memorial Hospital, Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and Lincoln National Bank, all in Fort Wayne, and dorms at Indiana University in Bloomington. He was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church, a Cubmaster in Garrett, Carpenters Union in Fort Wayne, Garrett Lions Club and served many years on the Garrett Library Board.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Suzanne Stabler of Bluffton; two sons, Roger Stroman of Vermilion, Ohio, and Jeffery Stroman of Indianapolis; a niece, Sue Huff of Kendallville; a nephew, Darol Stroman of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Doyne Stroman; and two sisters, Maxine Stroman and Patricia Whetsel.

Funeral services will be private with the Rev. Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

There will be no visitation.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Nellie Winebrenner

ANGOLA — Nellie Jean Winebrenner, 75, of Angola, died today at 4:40 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Winebrenner had worked at Basset's Restaurant in Angola, the Town House Restaurant, Clark Holtzman Poultry and Kay's Poultry.

She was born March 1, 1922, in Steuben County to the late Christopher Hyram and Minerva Beebe Petre.

On Oct. 12, 1940, she married Melvin "Pete" Winebrenner, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, William A. of Fremont, Richard L. of Angola, Samuel W. of Edon, Ohio, and Harry J. "Joe" of Angola; two daughters, Evelyn Fitton of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ricki Biddle of Butler; a brother, Christopher Petre of Hamilton; five sisters, Kathryn Alleshouse of Hamilton, Donna Carol King of Angola, Patricia Coffey of Angola, Jane Hopkins, of Edon, Ohio, and Bonnie Pinkham of Bryan, Ohio; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Larry Winebrenner; a sister, Vivian "Rose" Grady; a brother, Basil Petre; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

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Clayton Baker

ST. JOE — Clayton A. Baker, 81, died Sunday at 8:10 p.m. in his St. Joe home.

Mr. Baker was a lifetime Concord Township farmer and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe, the Butler post of the American Legion and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Sept. 5, 1916, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, to the late George and Mable (Culbertson) Baker.

He married Harriett Yeiser on Dec. 25, 1936, in Concord Township, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Karen Baker of St. Joe; one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Richard Hancock of West Lafayette; four grandchildren, Brad Baker, Chad Baker, Jodi Kelbley and Heather Siemers; and three great-grandchildren.

One brother, Harold, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with calling after noon at the church. The Rev. Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice or to the church.

Zella Monroe

AUBURN — Zella R. Noffsinger Monroe, 87, died Friday at 4:37 p.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

She was the office manager for the late Dr. Harry Covell in Auburn for 10 years and manager of the former Sanders Hospital in Auburn for 15 years. She formerly lived on County Road 35, Auburn.

Mrs. Monroe was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary. She was a charter member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She was born March 27, 1910, in Union Township, DeKalb County, to the late Munson and Ethel May (Lotzenhiser) Baughman.

She married R. Gordon Noffsinger in 1935, and he died in 1969. She then married James A. Monroe in 1972, and he died in 1989.

Surviving her are one brother, Oscar Baughman of Oconomowoc, Wis., and one sister, Dorothy Wagner of Auburn.

One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

A graveside service was conducted today in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **V. Bernice Umbaugh**, 88, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before services on Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Arland L. Walker**, 78, died Sunday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

KIMMELL — **Annabelle (Newby) Reasoner**, 69, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Pierceton.

Deaths/Funerals

Viva Emerick

AUBURN — Viva L. Emerick, 71, died Monday at 9 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Emerick worked at the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of the Elects Club in Fort Wayne and lived on Susan Street in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 18, 1918, in DeKalb County to the late Robert and Angie (Harkey) Christlieb.

She is survived by her husband, Neal; two daughters, Donna Arnold and Ruth Judge, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Argil Christlieb of Florida; three sisters, Marie Sponhower of Auburn, and Ina Bice and Faye Betley, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Krauss officiating. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery, Huntertown.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Arthritis Foundation.

Anthony Metelko

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Anthony F. Metelko. 81, died Thursday.

He formerly lived in Indianapolis. His wife, Louise Skoda Metelko, preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Lou and Barbara Metelko of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Paul Lutz of Cincinnati; one brother, Joseph of Martinsville; one sister, Frances Healey of South Lebanon; a sister-in-law, Sophie Gazvoda of Indianapolis; three granddaughters and one great-grandson.

One brother, Louis "Butch" Metelko, preceded him in death.

Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial took place Sunday and Monday in Cincinnati, with burial in Arlington Memorial Gardens, Cincinnati.

Memorial contributions may be given to Holy Trinity Church Memorial Fund, 2618 W. St. Clair St., Indianapolis IN 46222.

John Hodapp Sons Inc. funeral home, Cincinnati, was in charge of arrangements.

Rodney Ream

LUDINGTON, Mich. — Rodney P. Ream, 52, died Nov. 11.

Mr. Ream was an audiologist at Beltone Hearing Aid Center in Ludington, and had formerly been a pattern maker. He was longtime White Lake area resident and had lived in Ludington the past year. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Ludington.

He was born Oct. 24, 1945, in Kendallville. His father, Paul Ream, survives in Arkansas.

He married Judy Maldeny in 1963 and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Kevin Buchberger of Montague, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Patti Ream of Montague, and Gerald and Tonya Ream of North Muskegon, Mich.; one sister, Rebecca Sexton of Indiana; one brother, Robert of Indiana; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday in Clock Chapel-Whitehall in Whitehall, Mich. Burial was in Hubbard Cemetery in White River Township.

June Etta Celie

MISHAWAKA — June Etta Celie, 79, of Mishawaka, died Sunday morning in a nursing home in South Bend.

She was born Sept. 11, 1918, in Garrett to Arthur and Pauline Mann. On Feb. 1, 1936, she married Joseph B. Celie. He preceded her in death in 1989.

Mrs. Celie was a homemaker and had been a grocery store clerk.

Surviving are two daughters, Diana Gundeck of Naples, Fla., and Patricia Vervynckt of Granger; a son, Arthur Celie of Mishawaka; a foster son, Richard Cukrowicz of Mishawaka; 10 grandchildren including Debbie Boyer of Albion; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday in St. Bavo Church in Mishawaka. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

Visitation is from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday in Hahn Funeral Home, Mishawaka.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Marjorie M. Crance** died Sunday. Private services at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Elizabeth J. Thrapp**, 78, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Marvin I. Fry**, 17, died Monday in a buggy-semi accident. Services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Andy Troyer residence, Middlebury. Calling after 1 p.m. today in the Ira D. Fry residence, Middlebury.

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Austin Johnson

AUBURN — Austin Michael Johnson, 8 weeks old, died Monday afternoon in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 18, 1997, to Matthew and Tina (Snider) Johnson, who survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are one brother, Kaleb, at home; one sister, Taylor, at home; his grandparents, Mike and Kathy Johnson of Leo, Marilyn Franks and William Randall of Rome City, and Phil and Carol Snider of Swan; and his great-grandparents, Mary Johnson of Auburn, Dolan and Mary Kroemer of Hobe Sound, Fla., Beverly and Ed Lothamer of Blackmon Lake, and Jim and Beverly Lutter of LaOtto.

Friends may call Thursday from 4-8:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Donovan Coley officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to a trust fund for Taylor and Kaleb Johnson.

Nellie Winebrenner

ANGOLA — Nellie Jean Winebrenner, 75, of Angola, died Monday at 4:40 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Winebrenner had worked at Basset's Restaurant in Angola, the Town House Restaurant, Clark Holtzman Poultry and Kay's Poultry.

She was born March 1, 1922, in Steuben County to the late Christopher Hyram and Minerva Beebe Petre.

On Oct. 12, 1940, she married Melvin "Pete" Winebrenner, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, William A. of Fremont, Richard L. of Angola, Samuel W. of Edon, Ohio, and Harry J. "Joe" of Angola; two daughters, Evelyn Fitton of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ricki Riddle of Butler; a brother, Christopher Petre of Hamilton; five sisters, Kathryn Alleshouse of Hamilton, Donna Carol King of Angola, Patricia Coffey of Angola, Jane Hopkins, of Edon, Ohio, and Bonnie Pinkham of Bryan, Ohio; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Larry Winebrenner; a sister, Vivian "Rose" Grady; a brother, Basil Petre; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

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Deaths/Funerals

Ralph Berry

AUBURN — Ralph P. Berry, 90, died Wednesday at 5:20 p.m. in Auburn Health Care Center.

Mr. Berry retired in 1969 from Warner Gear with 24 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Normandy and central Europe and receiving five Bronze Stars. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

He was born Aug. 24, 1907, in Auburn to the late Clarence and Pluma (Stafford) Berry.

He married Lorene G. Provines on Feb. 8, 1941, and she died Sept. 21, 1985.

Surviving him are one brother, Russell of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and Kenneth, and five sisters, Gladys Hanes, Lotus Bartles, Ruth Baughman, Rose Marie Newcomer and Helen Varner.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

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Deaths/Funerals

Neva Graber

WATERLOO — Neva B. Graber, 61, died Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in her home on County Road 35, Waterloo.

Mrs. Graber was a homemaker, a member of the Auburn Missionary Church and a Youth For Christ volunteer.

She was born March 4, 1936, in Middlebury to Daniel and Bessie (Miller) Hooley, both now deceased.

On Aug. 31, 1958, she married Dr. Ben Graber in Middlebury and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Rhonda Smith of Waterloo, and Elaine Lance and Brenda Beachy, both of Auburn; four brothers, Randall and Richard Hooley, both of Middlebury, Larry Hooley of Shipshewana, and Robert Hooley of California, Mich.; a sister, Carolyn Rodman of Angola; and nine grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Missionary Church with the Rev. Bill Lyne officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 2:30-5:30 and 7-9 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn Missionary Church or Youth For Christ.

Max Wyatt

ANGOLA — Max Wyatt, 81, of Angola, died today at 1 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Wyatt was a mechanic for Wild & Arnold Car Agency. He also worked in maintenance at Tri-State University. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Steuben County to Francis and Ethel Slick Wyatt, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Maxine Rhinesmith Wyatt, of Angola, whom he married Dec. 1, 1945; a son, Larry Wyatt of Angola; three daughters, Diana Johnson of Fremont, Patricia Bible of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and Connie Hiemstra of Angola; one sister, Rowena Weller of Angola; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with a military graveside service by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Rosa A. Bontrager**, 90, died at 8:35 a.m. Thursday. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the family home at 2879S — 1000W, Shipshewana. Visitation is after 2 p.m. today and all day Saturday in the family home.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Helen M. Weeder**, 82, died at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Scott United Methodist Church, Shipshewana. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary E. Weaver**, 94, died Thursday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Donald Collins

ASHLEY — Donald Lee Collins, 51, of Ashley, died Thursday at 2 p.m. from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Collins was an employee at Stanadyne in Garrett for 21 1/2 years and for the past eight years had worked at Cooper Engineered Products as a maintenance mechanic. He was a member of Chapter Q of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

He was born Sept. 18, 1946, in Garrett to Lloyd and Eloise (Dangler) Collins. His mother is deceased and his father survives in Waterloo.

On Sept. 4, 1965, he married Connie Boren in the Corunna Church of the Brethren and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Mark Allen Collins of Auburn; two daughters, Shelly Sanders of Waterloo and Vicki Lynn Collins of Ashley; a brother, Kerry Collins of Albion; a sister, Sandy Sexton of Hudson; and four grandsons, Allen Lee Collins, Timothy Reginald Sanders II, Jacob John Sanders and Joshua David Michael Sanders.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Friends may call Monday from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chapter Q of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

Iris Neiderst

ANGOLA — Iris Isabell Neiderst, 82, of Angola, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Neiderst, a homemaker, was born May 19, 1915, in Toledo, Ohio, to the late George and Hazel Wilderson Potter..

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, the Angola American Legion Auxiliary, Post 31, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Post 7205.

On Sept. 10, 1947, she married Edwin B. Niederst, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are many friends.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with arrangements by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, or the Heart Fund.

Mae Smith

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Mae C. Smith, 86, died Thursday at 12:45 p.m. at her home in Leo-Cedarville.

Mrs. Smith was a Waterloo resident from 1942-1977 and retired from Kitchen Quip in 1971 with 19 years of service. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

She was born July 19, 1911, in Gresham, Neb., to Otto F. and Anna (Pliefke) Schultze. She was married July 21, 1959 in Auburn to William B. Smith, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter, Darlene Schwartz of Fort Wayne; two sons, Delbert Makovicka of Waterloo and Dennis Makovicka of Fort Wayne; a brother, Edward Schultze of Gresham, Neb.; a sister, Jennie Dannehl of Okarche, Okla.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

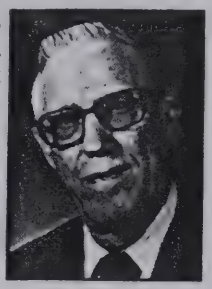
Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the D.O. McComb & Son Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Allen Parks officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Worship for Shut-ins.

Hobart Masters

ROME CITY — Hobart "Hobie" Masters, 80, died Friday at 2:50 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.



Mr. Masters

Mr. Masters was employed as a salesman at Golden's Auto parts, and was a former co-owner of the Masters Brothers Arco Gas Station in Rome City. He was a member of Rome City United Methodist Church. He was also a member of American Legion Post 381 and was past commander; a member of the F.&A.M. Lodge 276, a past master; a charter member of the Rome City Lions Club and a member of the Kendallville V.F.W. 2749.

Former fire chief of the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department, he retired after 53 years. Mr. Masters was the Rome City Citizen of the Year in 1995, a charter member of the Noble County EMS (retired), and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 17, 1917, in Kendallville to Frank and Velma (Gee) Masters.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie (Walborn); two daughters, Pamela Parker, Corpus Cristi, TX; and Debra Frehse, LaGrange; five sons, Maynard D. Masters, Kendallville; Gary N. Masters, Rome City; Terry L. Masters, Huntertown, William D. Hulwick, Auburn, and Mark Hulwick, Rome City; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One brother, Neil Masters, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be in Hite Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Harold North officiating. Burial will be in the Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Preferred memorials will be to the Rome City Fire Department or to the Rome City United Methodist Church.

Evening Star, Sat., Nov. 22, 1997

Charles Carver

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Charles O. Carver, 83, died Wednesday at 10:10 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been involved in an automobile accident in Hicksville on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Carver worked in the construction business as an iron worker for more than 51 years. He was a member of the Hicksville Eagles Lodge and the Hicksville post of the American Legion, and an honorary member of the Antwerp Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 23, 1913, in Wells County, Ind., to Harry and Orva (Roe) Carver.

On Oct. 27, 1939, in Fort Wayne, he married Valette Heisler, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Don Carver of Lakeland, Fla., and Skip Carver of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Judy Miller of St. Joe, Sandy Petrie of Coldwater, Mich., and Nancy Fitzsimmons and Vonda Hitzeman, both of Hicksville; one brother, Paul Carver of Galveston, Ind.; one sister, Kattie Moody of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, three sisters and one great-granddaughter.

Friends may call Sunday after 2 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Hicksville Eagles Lodge will conduct services in the funeral home at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorial services will take place at 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating.

Anna Diehm

KENDALLVILLE — Anna M. Diehm, 101, died Friday at 6:50 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Diehm was a homemaker, a member of South Milford United Methodist Church and a member of the Senior Citizens of Kendallville, the Wayne Township Home Extension Club, the 2nd Time Around Club, and the Center Street Flower Club, Auburn.

She was born May 2, 1896, in Fort Wayne to Fred Bauer and Mary (Kohber) Bauer. She married Vern Diehm in Auburn on Sept. 22, 1915. He preceded her in death May 19, 1959. Three daughters, two sons, three brothers and one sister also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Helen I. Powell, and one son, Wesley Diehm, both of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 17 stepgreat-grandchildren; 37 great-great-grandchildren and 34 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday 10:30 a.m. in South Milford United Methodist Church with the Rev. Philip E. Abram officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church or the Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary.

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Dorothy Dunn

WATERLOO — Dorothy Dunn, 83, formerly of Waterloo, died Sunday at 8:50 a.m. in Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Dunn was the owner and operator of the Heritage House Antique Shop in Waterloo and founded the DeKalb County Humane Society. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Minerva Club, the Stitch and Chatter Club, and the DeKalb County Democratic Ladies. She also was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 27, 1914, in Waterloo to Samuel and Morgia (Campbell) Goodwin.

On April 7, 1938, she married Charles E. "Ring" Dunn in Waterloo. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1993.

Three brothers, Carol, Wayne and Reginald, also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Dunn is survived by a son, Philip of Albion; a daughter, Sarah Shuherk of Avilla; a sister, Marjorie Martin of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren, Emily Hecht, Rachel Shuherk, Chris Jackson and Kathy Petrie; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeKalb County Humane Society or the Sacred Heart Nursing Home's animal care fund.

Darrel Walter

ANGOLA — Darrel R. "Bob" Walter, 68, of Angola, died Saturday at 10:55 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Walter served as an Angola city police officer for 20 years and was a member of the North Scott Church.

He was born Jan. 1, 1929, in Angola to the late Darrell D. and Helen M. (Penner) Walter.

On Feb. 5, 1949, he married Betty (Mayse) Walter, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Darrel R. Jr. of Orland, and Dwight D. and Donald A., both of Angola; 12 grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn Coleman of Angola.

Memorial services will take place at a later date. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Beverly Noe

MARKLE — Beverly J. Noe, 75, died Thursday at 11:35 p.m. at Markle Health Care Center.

Mrs. Noe was born March 16, 1922, to Vernon and Doris (Young) McCullick in Wolcottville. On Nov. 9, 1945, she married Robert (Paul) Noe, who preceded her in death on June 19, 1966.

She was a 1940 graduate of Kendallville High School, attended Ball State University and graduated from Lutheran School of Nursing. She had been a registered nurse for more than 50 years.

She had worked at Defiance Hospital for four years and was a private duty nurse for many years. In 1970 she moved to Boca Raton, Fla., from Defiance. In 1988 she moved to Albion.

Mrs. Noe was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Defiance, Ohio, and the B.P.W.

She is survived by three sons, Paul Noe of Bluffton, Doug Noe of Wellington, Fla., and Tim Noe of Angola; one sister, Mrs. James (Jean) Curtis of Albion; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Elizabeth Edsall

LEO — Elizabeth "Betty" R. Edsall, 76, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, she moved to Leo in 1989. She was a wife, mother and homemaker.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, William "Bill" C.; four sons, William D. of Montpelier, Ind., Charles H. of Sparks, Nev., David M. of Fort Wayne, and Paul P. of Muncie; six daughters, Ruth A. Schaper of Columbia City; Mary C. Burns, Rose E. Doetsch and Patricia L. Fox, all of Fort Wayne, and Therese M. Miller and Elizabeth R. Hoy, both of Leo; one brother, Jack Schone of Sebring, Fla.; four sisters, Rita Pollock and Marion Klein, both of Fort Wayne, Alice Kaspari of Bensenville, Ill., and Kate Shine of Lapine, Ore.; 36 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Norman J. Mills**, 74, died Saturday at 1:30 a.m. at his Smith Street home. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. James Bachman officiating. Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with full military graveside rites.

Deaths/Funerals

Lowell Strite

LAGRANGE — Lowell George Strite, 85, of LaGrange, died Monday at 12:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Strite owned the Silver Lake Mobile Home Court in Angola for 21 years and farmed for 12 years in East Gilead, Mich. He was a 61-year member of the Angola Christian Church.

He was born June 30, 1912, in Continental, Ohio, to the late John and Leona (Spencer) Strite.

On Sept. 19, 1936, he married Martha (Schweitzer) Strite, who survives at home in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, Barbranne Strite of LaGrange and Donna Mae Cole of Niles, Mich.; two sons, Jeffrey D. Strite of Logansport and Jack Strite of Williamsport, Pa.; a brother, Donald Strite of Ann Arbor, Mich.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, David Cole.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola Christian Church.

Elmer Jones

HAMILTON — Elmer Lenial Jones, 93, died Sunday evening at the Auburn Healthcare Center.

Mr. Jones had been a press operator for General Electric in Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Michael the ArchAngel Catholic Church, Waterloo. He lived at 1740 Lane 150, Hamilton.

He was born Dec. 24, 1903, in Edgerton, Ohio, to John Cyrus and Maude Jeannette (Vanimans) Jones.

He married Jessie Fern Engle in 1925 in Antwerp, Ohio. She died in 1936. He later married Mary Elizabeth (Longsworth) Jones, who died Nov. 6, 1995.

Surviving are a son, William L., of Antwerp, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. William (Carma) Doctor of Payne, Ohio, and Mrs. Louis (Jane) Boyer of Hamilton; a brother, Robert J. of Cadillac, Mich.; two sisters, Dorothy Mountz and Mrs. Thomas (Virginia) Rumore, both of Banning, Calif.; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Michael the ArchAngel Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Interment will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at The Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton and Wednesday, one hour prior to Mass, at the church. The rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Harry Zimmerman Jr.

LAGRANGE — Harry L. Zimmerman Jr., 78, died Tuesday at 7:01 a.m. at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Zimmerman was born Aug. 26, 1919, to Harry Lafayette and Mary (Wyrick) Zimmerman in Angola. On Nov. 27, 1940, he married Vera June Cope, who survives.

In 1950 he move to LaGrange County from Steuben County and worked as a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Julian (Darlene) Weller and Paula Jean Estep both of Angola; two sons, Dennis Zimmerman of Pleasant Lake and Robert Zimmerman of Angola; one brother, Bill Zimmerman of Hillsdale, Mich.; 27 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by two daughters, Sandra Kunce and Donna Sue Zimmerman; two sons, Raymond and Harry Zimmerman; and five brothers.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. John Coney officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **L. June Jones**, 72, died Monday. Services Friday at noon at Smith & Sons Funeral Home with calling two hours before services. Burial in Greenhill Cemetery.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Nicholas Konoloff**, 63, died Monday. Graveside services at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Nolt Cemetery. No calling.

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Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth Schenher

TOLEDO, Ohio — Kenneth P. Schenher, 82, died Sunday in his Toledo home.

He was born Dec. 29, 1914, in Kendallville to Arthur and Dorothy (Kearney) Schenher. He married Mary Lou Lydy on Aug. 24, 1945, in Fort Wayne.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Schenher was a millwright for the former Champion Spark Plug Co. for 35 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Champion Spark Plug Retirees, the Southside Senior Center, and the Inside Outer Campers Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou of Toledo; a daughter, LeAnna D. (Mrs. Gene) Hastin of Toledo; a son, Nick D. of Toledo; a stepson, Thomas E. (Viola) Foulks of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A son, R. Patrick Schenher died in 1981 and his mother died in 1995.

Private funeral services have been conducted. Burial was in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by the Neville Funeral Home, Reynolds Corners Chapel.

Rev. Dwight Steininger

NASHVILLE, Ind. — The Rev. Dwight Steininger, 87, died Friday, Nov. 21, in his Nashville, Ind., home.

He was a minister and evangelist for 60 years and was a Brown County artist. He was a member and former officer of the Brown County Art Gallery, and a member of the Gideons and the Parkview Church of the Nazarene.

He was born July 26, 1910, in Royal Center to Forest and Viola (Luster) Steininger, who are deceased.

He married May Meinard in Logansport in 1932 and she died Aug. 26, 1994.

He is survived by a son, William Steininger of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two daughters, Donna Sisson and Connie Steininger, both of Nashville; four brothers, Dee Steininger of Grabill, Emmett Steininger and Hubert Steininger, both of Auburn, and Leo Steininger of Harlingen, Texas; a sister, Wanda Bowman of Auburn; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill.

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Parkview Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Gary Williamson, pastor of the church, the Rev. Steininger's brother, the Rev. Leo Steininger, and his grandsons, Gary Sisson and Bradley Steininger, officiating.

Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Nashville.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

Geraldine Watt

HAGERSTOWN — Geraldine "Geri" Watt, 69, of 14268 Jones Road, Hagerstown, died Tuesday in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, after a brief illness.

She was born Oct. 21, 1928, in Auburn to Howard and Lavere (Rhoades) Guilford and had lived in Connersville before moving to Hagerstown in 1951.

She graduated from Connersville High School in 1947 and was to co-owner of the Corner Cleaners in Hagerstown from 1956 until 1991. She was a licensed real estate agent and had been affiliated with Watt Realty for many years. She was associated with Tri-County Realty for the past two years.

She was a member of the Hagerstown First United Methodist Church, the Business and Professional Women, the Psi Iota Xi Sorority, William O. Frazier Post 333 American Legion Auxiliary, the Hagerstown Chamber of Commerce, and the board of directors of Faith Housing, and was secretary and treasurer of the Hagerstown Industrial Complex.

She is survived by her husband, Glen Watt, nieces and nephews. A daughter, Sondra Ann Watt, died in 1958.

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Hagerstown First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Joe Wyatt officiating. There will be no public calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hagerstown First United Methodist Church, 199 S. Perry St., Hagerstown, IN 47346.

Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown, is in charge of arrangements.

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Beryle Young

CHURUBUSCO — Beryle Young, 92, a former resident of Churubusco, died at 11:55 a.m. Wednesday at Foote Hospital in Jackson, Mich. She had been a patient there for the past four days, and had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mrs. Young was born on Feb. 5, 1905, in Eel River Township in Allen County, a daughter of Hiram and Emma (Bear) Frazier, and spent her formative years in that area.

Her first marriage was to David Bliesath, and the couple lived in Birmingham, Mich. He died in 1937.

She later was married to Gordon "Bert" Young and lived in Troy, Mich. He died in 1960. She moved to Churubusco in 1986. Two years later she moved back to Michigan.

Surviving relatives include a son and daughter-in-law, Archie and Miriam Bliesath of Hubbard Lake, Mich.; three daughters, Trilby Sternal of Berkley, Mich., Mrs. Jerry (Keyna) Mayle of Southfield, Mich., and Cheryl Chadwick of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, Leonard Frazier of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Doris Worth and Rhoda Burton of Churubusco; and Mrs. Ed (Audra) Shenk of Garrett; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her two husbands, she was preceded in death by a sister, Hilda Sprouls on April 6, 1992.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Arthur G. Daniel, pastor of Eel River Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Helen E. Knight**, 88, of Rome City died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Fort Wayne. Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

GOSHEN — **Fannie Mast**, 96, died Wednesday at 1:34 a.m. at Greencroft Health Care Center, where she had lived since Jan. 31, 1993. Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Fairhaven A.M. Church. Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Middlebury.

TOPEKA — **Clara J. Yoder**, 54, died Thursday at 8:10 a.m. at her home. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Jacob Eash residence, 7675S — 300W, Topeka. Calling after 4 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the family home at 7630S — 300W, Topeka.

SYRACUSE — **George R. Gardner**, 78, died Thursday. Services at 3 p.m. Monday at Eastlund Funeral Home. Calling from 2-6 p.m. Sunday with a Masonic service at 5:30 p.m. Burial in Syracuse Cemetery.

Deaths/Funerals

C. Wayne Wright

FREMONT — C. Wayne Wright, 75, of Fremont, died Friday at 11:15 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Wright was the chief executive officer of Triad Comco Corp. of Marshall, Mich. He was awarded the first Pioneer Award in the Midwest by the cable television industry.

A U.S. Army sergeant during World War II, Mr. Wright was a member of the Angola Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow, vice president of Project Help, and vice president of Kendallville Electric Motor Service. He was president of the Glee Club for three years and founder of the Novelaires Quartet at the University of Michigan.

He was born May 7, 1922, in Fort Wayne to the late Orlo Keith and Maude (Bitler) Wright.

On April 16, 1988, he married Mary V. (Mindy) Wright, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, A. Wayne Wright of Greensboro, N.C., George M. Wright of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Kenneth A. Wright of Hendersonville, Tenn.; a daughter, Heather Colvin of Naples, Fla.; two stepchildren, Robert P. Wolford of Kendallville and Elizabeth Ann Lambright of Decatur; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Omer K. Wright and George Wright.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at the Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Memorial services will be at a later date. Cremation will take place Tuesday at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations may be made to Project Help of Steuben County or a charity of the donor's choice.

Jimmy Landis

COLDWATER, Mich. — Jimmy D. Landis, 64, died Nov. 21 at his home in Coldwater following a four-month illness.

He was born Sept. 9, 1933, in Fremont to Harold and Ruth (Williams) Landis. He married Jean Fisher on June 30, 1956, in Auburn.

Mr. Landis worked for 31 years at the General Motors Oldsmobile plant in Lansing, Mich., until retiring in 1987. He moved to Coldwater in 1987 from Charlotte, Mich., where he had lived since 1955.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 52 and the Coldwater Eagles.

He was a hunter and fisherman and enjoyed boating and construction and yard work.

He is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Deborah Cantin and Steve Montgomery of Charlotte, Rhonda (and Martin) Procko of Courtland, Ohio, Shelley (and Tony) Sommer of Charlotte; and six grandchildren.

Also surviving are his mother, Ruth Landis of Coldwater; four brothers Paul, Estle, David, and Martin Landis, all of Coldwater; two sisters, JoAnn Barnes of Angola and Julie Marteen of Coldwater; and family in and around Steuben County.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Landis, and his father, Harold.

Services took place Nov. 24 at the Dutcher Funeral Home with Dave Brown officiating. Burial was in Lester Cemetery in Algansee Township, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Home Health Care, Coldwater.

Mildred Schoudel

BUTLER — Mildred K. Schoudel, 73, died Sunday at 6:40 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Schoudel retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler, in 1986 with 26 years of service. She was a lifetime resident of DeKalb County.

She was born June 26, 1924, in Allen County to the late Henry and Louise (Palmer) Bry.

She married Adolph "Spike" Schoudel on July 27, 1946, in Auburn, and he died Nov. 8, 1981.

Surviving are four daughters, Betty Smith of Bryan, Ohio, Shirley Hile of Homosassa, Fla., Mary Price of Butler and Linda Prosser of Waterloo; one son, Jerry of Butler; one brother, Sam Bry of Auburn; three sisters, Virginia Finley and Bess Hornett, both of Auburn, and Helen Kaiser of Butler; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Edward and Charles, and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday From 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Bill Priest of Melbern United Methodist Church will officiate, assisted by Bruce Prosser of Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb EMS.

Evening Star, Mon., Dec. 1, 1997

Jimmie Perkins

LAGRANGE — Jimmie H. Perkins, 55, died Sunday at 3 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Perkins was a quality control inspector for Dexter Axle in Fremont. He was a former employee of United Technologies in Howe. He lived in the LaGrange community all his life. He served in the U.S. National Guard Reserve.

He was born March 4, 1942, in Coldwater, Mich., to L. Roger and Lillian M. (Spears) Perkins. His mother survives in LaGrange and his father is deceased.

He married Linda S. Heltzel on April 30, 1966, and she also survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Rhonda (Mrs. David) Vian of Auburn and Robin (Mrs. Kevin) Heller of LaGrange; one sister, Linda Lee Perkins of Sturgis, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

One brother, Bill Richard Perkins, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mongo United Methodist Church or East Springfield United Methodist Church.

Wayne Case

ST. JOE — Wayne C. Case, 65, died Friday at 7:58 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn, where he had been a patient for two days. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Mr. Case was a plumber and steam fitter for the city of Toledo, Ohio, for over 32 years, retiring in 1982. For more than 20 years, he was a vice president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union Local 7. He resided at 5255 County Road 69.

He was born July 10, 1932, at Toledo, the son of William and Minnie Ellis Case.

In 1951 he married Loraine Wienand at Toledo. She survives him.

Also surviving are three sons, Wayne C. Jr of Toledo, David of St. Joe and Michael of Orlando, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

There will be no calling hours and no funeral service. Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Guy Zolman**, 70, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

KENDALLVILLE — **Norman J. Carter**, 80, died Saturday. Memorial services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-7 p.m. today.

Alvin Fisher

ANGOLA — Alvin L. Fisher, 76, of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday at 5:45 a.m. at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fisher worked as a truck driver and timber buyer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving as a sergeant during World War II.

He was born June 13, 1921, in Hamilton to the late Loren and Carrie (Willoughby) Fisher.

Surviving are a son, Donald Fisher of Fremont; three daughters, Cheryl Smith of Concord, Ohio, Lee Kohlmeier of Angola, and Gina Miller of Angola; a sister, Aileen Moore of Columbia, Ohio; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Orlis Fisher, in 1991.

Friends may call Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Graveside services will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating.

Deaths/Funerals

Rev. Armor Keller

AUBURN — The Rev. Armor J. Keller, 79, died Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Halifax Medical Center at Daytona, Fla.

He retired in 1986 as a United Methodist minister, after serving churches for 36 years. He was a graduate of Indiana Central University and the United Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and the Masonic Lodge of Jefferson, Ind. He had lived in Auburn since 1986 and spent winters in Florida.

He was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Delaware County, Pa., to the late Howard W. and Emily (McFarland) Keller.

He married Dorothy E. Rough in 1946 in Cochranton, Pa., and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Diana Gibson of La Cruces, N.M., Angela Hose of Auburn, Christina Keller of Edinburgh, Texas, and Veredith Keller of Boston; one brother, Robert of Cornwall, Pa.; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. David Maish will officiate, with burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church, or the Leukemia Society of America, 2609 Lakeshore Ave., Edinburgh, Texas.

Faye Pretorius

BRYAN, Ohio — Faye (Sims) Pretorius, 82, died Sunday in Mountain Home, Ark., after a lengthy illness.

She lived in Gassville, Ark., and previously had lived in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 22, 1915 in Bryan, Ohio, to Frank and Stella Sims. After graduating from Bryan High School, she moved to Fort Wayne and worked for International Harvester, then worked 20 years for ITT Federal.

She married Dale Pretorius in 1946 in Fort Wayne, and lived there until moving to Arkansas in 1974.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband (in 1976), three sisters, Alice Cornell, Ann Geiger and Dorothy Garver; and one brother, Marion Sims.

Surviving are three sisters, Mayry Vaught of Bryan, Madaline Beremyi of Sherwood, Ohio, and Fran Nicely of Fowler, Ind.; two brothers, Frank Sims of Ney, Ohio, and Tom Sims of Bryan, Ohio; many nieces and nephews, including some in DeKalb County; and a special companion, David Barker of Gassville, Ark.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Oberlin and Ford Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan. Burial will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial Donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Mildred Shoudel

BUTLER — Mildred K. Shoudel, 73, died Sunday at 6:40 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Shoudel retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co., Butler, in 1986 with 26 years of service. She was a lifetime resident of DeKalb County.

She was born June 26, 1924, in Allen County to the late Henry and Louise (Palmer) Bry.

She married Adolph "Spike" Shoudel on July 27, 1946, in Auburn, and he died Nov. 8, 1981.

Surviving are four daughters, Betty Smith of Bryan, Ohio, Shirley Hile of Homosassa, Fla., Mary Price of Butler and Linda Prosser of Waterloo; one son, Jerry of Butler; one brother, Sam Bry of Auburn; three sisters, Virginia Finley and Bess Hornett, both of Auburn, and Helen Kaiser of Butler; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Edward and Charles, and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Bill Priest of Melbern United Methodist Church will officiate, assisted by Bruce Prosser of Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb EMS.

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Pauline Tope

FORT WAYNE — Pauline E. Tope, 81, died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a Fort Wayne homemaker and a native of Columbia City. She was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn. Her husband, Harry, died in 1987.

Surviving her are four daughters, Margaret Clawson of Jacksonville, Fla., Mildred Kingsley of Auburn, and Maxine Evans and Mary McClure, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Pat Rybolt and Lavon Olinger, both of Fort Wayne, and Betty Hartzell of Frankfort; two brothers, Bob Coulter and Junior Coulter, both of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Wells Street, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ellen Thornton

ANGOLA — Ellen Rose Thornton, 78, of Angola, died Sunday at 10:05 p.m. at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She had been an office worker at Chrysler Corp. in St. Clair Shores, Mich., retiring in 1976.

She was born June 19, 1919, in Detroit to the late Robert and Evelyn Hultman.

Surviving are two daughters, Roberta Haddix of Hamilton and Priscilla Thornton of Angola; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a stepgrandchild.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Services are to begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alexandra M. Hamel**, 82, died Monday. No services or calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Gerald George Robert Warrener**, 90, of Kendallville, died at 9:25 a.m. Monday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dale Mendenhall and the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Friday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Masonic services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Betty Hoerner

ANGOLA — Betty M. Hoerner, 95, of Bradenton, Fla., died Sunday at 7:20 p.m. at West Minister Asbury Towers, Bradenton.

Mrs. Hoerner was a homemaker and a former Angola resident.

She was born June 29, 1902, in Antwerp, Ohio, to the late Charles and DeEtta (Lindemuth) Overmyer.

There are no immediate survivors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eric Hoerner on Aug. 3, 1962; and two sisters, Mrs. Edward (Leila) Derry, and Mrs. Clarence Cartwright.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Rev. Armour Keller

AUBURN — The Rev. Armour J. Keller, 79, died Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Halifax Medical Center at Daytona, Fla.

He retired in 1986 as a United Methodist minister, after serving churches for 36 years. He was a graduate of Indiana Central University and the United Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, and the Masonic Lodge of Jefferson, Ind. He had lived in Auburn since 1986 and spent winters in Florida.

He was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Delaware County, Pa., to the late Howard W. and Emily (McFarland) Keller.

He married Dorothy E. Rough in 1946 in Cochranton, Pa., and she survives.

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Friends may call Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. David Maish will officiate, with burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church, or the Leukemia Society of America, 2609 Lakeshore Ave., Edinburg, Texas 78539.

Richard Hammond

HAMILTON — Richard L. Hammond, 61, of Fort Wayne, died at 11:07 a.m. Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital.

He was born in Fort Wayne Aug. 29, 1936, to Carl B. and Ruby (Van Squick) Hammond.

Mr. Hammond retired after 25 years as a salesman for Gerber Baby Foods. He was a member of I.O.O.F. and the Lions Club, both of Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife, Carol S.; two daughters, Kim S. Thomas and Kelly L. Smith, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ronald A. Hammond of Muskego, Wis.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association or the charity of the donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

M. Elaine Weicht

BUTLER — M. Elaine Weicht, 75, died Wednesday at 5:06 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Weicht was a Butler homemaker and farmer. She was a 50-year member of Forest Chapter 44 of the Order of Eastern Star. She also was a member of the Butler Lions Club, DeKalb County Farm Bureau, and Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Montpelier, Ohio, to the late Kenneth D. and Viola (Graham) Cosper.

She married George H. Weicht on Sept. 12, 1942, in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ralph of Waterloo and George E. "Gene" of Butler; two daughters, Mary (Mrs. A.C.) Trent of Columbia City and Nancy (Mrs. Michael) Jehl of Fort Wayne; one sister, Donna Snyder of Casa Grande, Ariz.; two grandsons she raised, George E. "Sam" Weicht of Elmira, N.Y., and Steve D. Weicht of Butler; five additional grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call Friday from 3-9 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Carl Sinders

GARRETT — Carl Sinders, 95, died today at 1:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Sinders worked at International Harvester and farmed in rural Garrett. He was a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church, the Huntertown Masonic Lodge, and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was born Oct. 3, 1902, in Greene County, Ind., to the late John and Iona (Mills) Sinders. His wife, Alma Stanton, preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Rachel McCormick

MUNCIE — Rachel Shull McCormick, 81, died Nov. 18 at her home in Muncie. She was active in several organizations in Muncie.

She was born Nov. 11, 1916, in Auburn to the late Harry and Minnie Shull.

She married Charles R. McCormick in October 1940.

Surviving are five children, Cynthia, Elaine, Joyce, Roy and Dennis, and nine grandchildren.

Two brothers, Gilbert and Kenneth, preceded her in death.

A memorial service was held in the First Presbyterian Church in Muncie, with burial in Albany Cemetery, Albany, Ind.

Vera Coats

JACKSON, Mich. — Vera Elizabeth Coats, 91, died Thanksgiving Day in Jackson.

She was U.S. Sen. Dan Coats' mother.

Born in Sweden, she had been a long-time resident of Jackson. Her husband, Edward, to whom she was married 59 years, preceded her in death in 1988.

They three children, Sen. Coats; Peter of Birmingham, Mich.; and Suzanne of Portage. Also surviving are three sisters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Coats had been a teacher, beginning her career in a one-room schoolhouse north of Grand Rapids. She later served in the Jackson Public Schools. She spent much of her time and energy working in her church, the Ganson Street Baptist Church, where for half a century she served as a Sunday school teacher and deaconess, among other duties.

Services were held in Jackson, where she was interred at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Francis Hohl

LANSING, Ill. — Francis J. Hohl, 75, of Lansing, died Nov. 26 in Lansing.

Mr. Hohl was a member of Laborers Union Local No. 1001 and had retired from Edward Gray Corp. He was a member of Lansing Knights of Columbus 3540.

Surviving are his wife, Bernice; four daughters, Judy (and husband, Bill) Kozlowski of Inverness, Fla.; Rose (and husband, Scott) Mason and Patricia (and husband, Vern) Tripp of Lansing, Ill., and Virginia (and husband Kevin) Reynolds of LaPorte; a brother, Herman (and wife, Gretchen) Hohl of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Rosemary (and husband, LaVon) Bender; a brother-in-law, Ray Martin; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, Lansing. Burial was at Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, Ill.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Mary H. Brumbaugh**, 67, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

ALBION — **John Keister**, 78, died Wednesday. Services at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-9 p.m. Friday.

AVILLA — **Loretta L. Byerley**, 59, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from 2-8 p.m. Friday.

CROMWELL — **Luther G. Hise**, 59, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Friday.

Deaths/Funerals

Evan and Ian Weiss

ANGOLA — Evan Joseph and Ian James Weiss were stillborn at 12:38 a.m. Thursday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Surviving are their parents, Jon and Angela Sue (Taylor) Weiss of Angola; paternal grandparents Bernard and Patricia Weiss of Mongo; maternal grandparents Thomas and Margo Taylor of Hudson; and two great-grandfathers, John J. Weiss of Mongo and Russell Taylor of Hudson.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Martha Hissong

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Martha F. Hissong, 78, died Thursday at 2:36 a.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital, where she was a patient for one day.

She was a resident of Park View Nursing Care Center in Edgerton, Ohio, for the past three years and formerly lived at 215 Meuse Argonne, Hicksville. She attended Hicksville High School and worked at the Hicksville hospital for several years as a nurse's aide. She was a member of the Hicksville First Church of Christ.

Mrs. Hissong was born July 23, 1919, in Illinois to the late Bennett and Pearl (Cover) Lay.

She married Harold J. Hissong on Sept. 10, 1937, and he died May 24, 1995.

Surviving her are one son, Jerry of Hicksville; two daughters, Nancy Shock and Sally Salisbury, both of Hicksville; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 4 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Lloyd Turnbull, minister at West Milford Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

George Rhodes

KENDALLVILLE — George L. Rhodes, 83, of Kendallville, died at 12:42 a.m. today in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville. Although he had been in failing health for about one year, his death was unexpected.

He was born Aug. 7, 1914, in LaOtto to Charles and Veda (Beasley) Rhodes. On July 2, 1937, in Huntertown, he married Susie E. Scott. She survives.

Mr. Rhodes, a lifetime area resident, was retired from Steckley's Mill & Hatchery after 35 years. He was a member of Moose Lodge 1301, Kendallville, and Garrett Eagles 1357.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Mrs. Gene (Connie) Leighty, Donna Hale and Mrs. Larry (Norma) Kimmell, all of Kendallville, and Mrs. Larry (Dorothy) Jarrett of Auburn; a sister, Mrs. Russell (Fern) Sage of Huntertown; four brothers, Argyl Rhodes of Avilla, Donald Rhodes of Adams Lake, Wolcottville, and Bernard Rhodes and Ernest Rhodes, both of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, near Garrett.

Visitation is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday in the funeral home where Moose services will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Preferred memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Carl Sinders

GARRETT — Carl Sinders, 95, died Thursday at 1:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Sinders worked at the former Studebaker plant in South Bend and International Harvester in Fort Wayne, and was a DeKalb County farmer. He was a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church, Garrett, the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He was born Oct. 3, 1902, in Greene County to the late John and Iona (Mills) Sinders.

He married Alma Stanton on Aug. 29, 1935, in Mishawaka, and she died May 9, 1985.

Surviving are one stepson, Kenneth Headley Sr. of South Bend; two sisters, Helen Mitchler of South Bend and Genevieve Dahme of Gold Hill, Ore.; two grandchildren, Kenneth Headley Jr. of Garrett and Richard Headley of Osceola; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Gilbert, Paul, Elmer and Lewis, and one sister, Verna Berchum.

Services will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 2 p.m. Burial will be in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, South Bend, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Evening Star, Fri., Dec. 5, 1997

Vina Mynhier

STROH — Vina Lee Mynhier, 78, of Stroh, died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was born in Tennessee on March 27, 1919, to Dell and Gertie (Evans) Bolin. In 1942 in Dayton, Ohio, she married Harim Roe Mynhier. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Mrs. Mynhier, a resident of Stroh for 54 years, was formerly employed by the V&A Restaurant in Kendallville. She was a member of Stroh Church of God and the WCG of the church.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Franks of Kendallville; three sons, Larry Mynhier of Stroh, Lenson Mynhier of Elmira, and Lane Mynhier of San Rafael, Calif.; a sister, Lula Mae Haston of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Leland Mynhier.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Stroh Church of God, with the Rev. Loyd Jury officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, rural LaGrange.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Preferred memorials are to Stroh Church of God, Shepherd of the Hill or LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Margaret Buell

PLEASANT LAKE — Margaret "June" Buell, 78, of Pleasant Lake, died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

She was born in Steuben County on March 19, 1919, to Carl and Edna (Libey) Tubbs. On July 10, 1938, she married Wayne Buell. He survives.

Mrs. Buell, a lifetime Steuben County resident, was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband is a brother, Wendell Tubbs of Angola.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Fay, Arden and Keith Tubbs; and a sister, Rhea Tubbs.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Larry B. Norris**, 53, died Wednesday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Saturday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Matthew Lynn Huelsenbeck** was stillborn Wednesday. Graveside services at 1 p.m. Saturday in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. No calling.

LAGRANGE — **William Wesley Powers**, 86, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fruriptmay Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Mariam Pettigrew

FORT WAYNE — Mariam M. Pettigrew, 82, died at 6:30 a.m. Friday in her Fort Wayne home.

She was born Sept. 15, 1915, in Rochester, Minn., to William and Genevieve (McCrudden) Michel. She was secretary for Pettigrew & Sons Inc., retiring in 1982 after 20 years.

She was a charter member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church and the Rosary Society.

She is survived by her husband, Carl T.; two daughters, Judy A. Patterson of Snow Lake and M. Pamela Schmidt of Rialto, Calif.; two sons, Phillip Lee Pettigrew of Fort Wayne and Michael William Pettigrew of Snow Lake; a sister, Virginia Horton of Minneapolis, Minn.; a brother, William Michel of Wittier, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Monday, 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A vigil service will be conducted at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Prayers will be conducted Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. at the funeral home and a Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St., Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Juan Negrete

LAGRANGE — Juan Q. Negrete, 75, of LaGrange, died at 9:15 a.m. Friday in Lifecare Center of LaGrange.

He was born July 12, 1922, in Mexico to Steven and Maria (Negrete) Quintero. He married Inez Burnett in 1958 in White Pigeon, Mich., and she survives in LaGrange. He was a retired employee of Syndicate Fixture in Middlebury and a member of the Catholic church.

Surviving, with his wife, are a son, Pete Negrete of Elkhart; seven daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Linda) Eells of Mottville, Mich., Mrs. Roger (Carolyn) Miller of Howe, Mrs. Terry (Kathy) Paulus and Mrs. Gary (Inez) Lipscomb, both of LaGrange, Virginia Negrete of White Pigeon, Mich., Mrs. Kirk (Maria) Wickey of Middlebury, and Mrs. Mike (Juanita) Bechtol, of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Dwight Kauffman officiating.

Friends may call Sunday, 5-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Margaret Kalb

WATERLOO — Margaret Olive Kalb, 80, died at 3 p.m. Friday in her home on County Road 35, Waterloo.

She was born in DeKalb County on Jan. 10, 1917, to Clarence and Dora (Lotz) Bowman and they are deceased.

On Dec. 19, 1937, she married Wilber Kalb in Waterloo and he died on Aug. 30, 1994.

She was a homemaker and was a cook at the DeKalb County Farm from 1964 to 1968. She also was employed at Sheller Globe in Grabill from 1969 to 1978. She was a 50-year member of the Gleaners Lodge.

She is survived by a brother, Wayne Bowman, of Harlington, Texas.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon, two sons, Devon and Gary, and a sister, Thelma Till.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Myrtle Miller

FREMONT — Myrtle Miller, 84, of Fremont, died at 1:57 p.m. Friday in her home.

She was born Oct. 18, 1913, in Branch County, Michigan, to Virgil T. and Rosavelle (Norton) Parker. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Gleason of Fremont; two sons, Richard Miller of Angola and Jim Miller of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hans in 1977, two daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Alvin Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Alvin Eugene Miller, 69, of Martin, Ky., died at 3 a.m. Friday in Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He had been ill since 1992.

He was born in Brimfield on April 14, 1928, to Wilbur "Pop" and Ruth (Stewart) Miller. He was a retired farmer and factory worker and moved to Martin from Kendallville in July. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a World War II Army veteran.

On Oct. 24, 1953, he married Maralene Diederich in Garrett and she survives in Martin.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Teddy (Tina) Collins of Martin, and Mrs. Terry (Sara) Brown of Kendallville; a brother, O. Jay Miller of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Walter Miller and "Chub" Miller, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Pennekamp of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Sunday and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Maxine A. Windle**, 79, of Sturgis, Mich., died at 7:50 a.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Chapel of Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. There will be no calling.

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Mildred Everitt

AUBURN — Mildred L. Everitt, 71, died Saturday at 5 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She worked in Dr. Robert Edwards' office from 1967 to 1987 and at Betz Nursing Home from 1987 to October 1997. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake in Steuben County, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary, Auburn Nurses Club and the Parkview Hospital Physical Therapy 400 Club. She was a volunteer for the DeKalb County chapter of American Red Cross.

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She was born Sept. 13, 1926, in Steuben County to the late Leo and Ruth (Engle) Wolf.

Surviving her are her former husband and friend, Robert Everitt of Angola; one son, Ronald of Angola; two daughters, Sandra (Mrs. Tom) Hassett of Fremont and Marcia (Mrs. James) Cather of Hamilton; one sister, Margaret Ferguson of Vista, Calif.; and three grandsons, Jeff Zeigler, and Thad and Josh Cather.

One sister, Delores Bailor, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2:30-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Mount Zion United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Glenda Woodcox and the Rev. Phil Abram will officiate, with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Katie Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Katie Miller, 83, of rural Shipshewana, died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday in Vencor Hospital-LaGrange, where she had been admitted earlier in the morning.

She was born Oct. 31, 1914, in LaGrange to Enos and Tena (Herschberger) Glick. On Dec. 17, 1936, in Shipshewana, she married Ben C. Miller, who preceded her in death May 27.

Mrs. Miller, a homemaker, was a lifetime area resident and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Ervin (Amanda) Yoder, Mrs. Sam Ray (Ada) Miller and Mrs. William (Lizzie) Yoder, all of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Jonah (Rosa) Graber of Grabill; four sons, Atlee Miller of LaGrange, and Enos Miller and Chris Miller, both of Shipshewana, and Harvey Miller of Spencerville; her twin sister, Ada Miller of Mount Hope, Ohio, and another sister, Mrs. Edward (Rosa) Weaver of Osseo, Mich.; three brothers, Percy Glick of Lobelville, Tenn., Perry Glick of Gladwin, Mich., and Eli Glick of Viroqua, Wis.; 29 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Barbara Yoder and Elva Glick.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the family home, 8310W — 050N, Shipshewana, with Amish Bishop Monroe A. Yoder, the Rev. Ervin Bontrager and the Rev. Marvin Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation is after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday in the family

Bertha Middaugh

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Bertha Middaugh, 90, died early Saturday afternoon at Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville, Ohio. She had lived there for the past six years.

She had worked as a cook at the care center for many years, and was involved in farming with her husband. She was a member of the Newville Church of Christ.

Mrs. Middaugh was born Feb. 4, 1907, in Mark Center, Ohio, to the late George and Emma (Hosler) Sprow.

She married Ray S. Middaugh on Feb. 26, 1926 in Hicksville, and he died in 1965.

Surviving her are two sons, Thurman and Clayton, both of Hicksville; four sisters, Pearl Royals of Allardt, Tenn., Stella Schaffer of Bradenton, Fla., Treva Bergor of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Tracy Alwood of Manitou Beach, Mich.; six grandsons and four great-granddaughters.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Friends may call today after 4 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with Minister Doug Collins of the Newville Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Wilma Moore

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Wilma Moore, 60, died Thursday in her home in Anchorage, Alaska.

She had worked as a cook in nursing homes and restaurants.

She was born in July 1937 in Alaska to the late Iver and Nancy Johnson.

Surviving are one son in Alaska and one son in New Hampshire; three daughters in Alaska and two daughters in New Hampshire; two brothers, Alan Johnson of Auburn and Iver Johnson of Tacoma, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, one daughter, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson.

Services were today in Anchorage, with burial scheduled for Tuesday in the village of Nanwalek, Alaska.

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Robert McAlhany

AUBURN — Robert K. McAlhany, 67, of Auburn, died Monday at 7:34 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McAlhany retired in 1987 with 30 years of service as a facilities engineer for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and Auburn. He was a private consultant for Preferred in Fort Wayne and for Auburn Clutch.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F.& A.M., Scottish Rite, and Greenhurst Country Club. He was a member of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States and a life member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

He was born May 16, 1930, in Decatur to the late Ora and Jennie (Zimmerman) McAlhany.

He married Evelyn L. Fisher on Dec. 30, 1948, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Toni A. McAlhany of Angola; one son, Tim A. McAlhany of Waterloo; one sister, Marjorie Heinman of Mishawaka; and two grandchildren, Jennifer M. McAlhany and Robert R. McAlhany.

Two sisters, Peggy Williamson and Dixie McAlhany, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Dr. Jack Lewis Pursell will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Iris Merrell

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo. — Iris Elizabeth (Artz) Merrell, 72, of Caruthersville, died in an automobile accident Sunday in Caruthersville.

Mrs. Merrell was a former resident of Angola and was a retired registered nurse.

Shel was a member of Chapter G.V.-PEO, Methodist Women's Group (Board of Methodist Outreach), Psi Iota Xi Humanitarian Group, Hayti Garden Club, Explorer Bible Study and Eastwood Memorial United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two stepdaughters, Paula Caldwell of Kennett, Mo., and Pam Milum of Collierville, Tenn.; two sons, John D. Artz of Greeley, Colo., and Richard W. Artz of Fort Collins, Colo.; a stepson, George Merrell IV of Hayti, Mo.; and a brother, Tom Lee Smith of Canoga Park, Calif.

She was preceded in death in 1973 by her first husband, Dr. Richard Warner Artz of Angola. She also was preceded in death by her second husband, George Merrell.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Eastwood Memorial United Methodist Church, Caruthersville. Burial will be in Little Prairie Cemetery, Caruthersville. Arrangements are being made by H.S. Smith Funeral Home, Caruthersville, and the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Sapp

GARRETT — Ruth G. Sapp died Monday at 8 a.m. in Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was a retired secretary and bookkeeper for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, and its Rosary Sodality.

She was born in Garrett to the late Frank and Mary (Sullivan) Sapp.

Surviving her are one nephew, Father James J. Sapp of Fort Wayne; five nieces, Noreen Castle of Florida, Carol Shafer and Molly Sapp, both of Michigan, Mary Ann Murley of Garrett and Betsy Simon of St. Joe; and two sisters-in-law, Doris Jean Talley of Garrett and Lois Sapp of St. Johns, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Sapp and Eugene "Joe' Sapp, and one nephew, Pat McDermott.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will be conducted Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Carleton Van Auken

HAMILTON — Carleton Eugene Van Auken, 74, of 815 Lane 150, Hamilton, died Sunday morning in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Van Auken was a farmer and a field record clerk for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. in Angola, where he worked for 28 years, retiring in 1983. He was a member of The Nazarene Church in Angola.

He was born Oct. 25, 1923, in Hamilton to the late Carl and Sephronia (Bland) Van Auken.

He married Vivian I. (Beatty) Day-Van Auken on Aug. 7, 1966, in Angola.

He is survived by his wife and several cousins.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. at The Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home, with David Payne and the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Interment will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Marilee Long Delanoy**, 60, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Thursday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there one hour before services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Jessica Rose Lawson**, 4, died Sunday. Services at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Calling 4-8 p.m. today in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Willard Allen Knisely**, 89, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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Ralph Musser

AUBURN — Ralph J. Musser, 87, died today at 3:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Musser retired in 1970 from the U.S. Postal Service with 28 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a 1928 graduate of Kendallville High School, a member of Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, and a lifetime resident of Auburn.

He was born Oct. 10, 1910, in Auburn to the late William A. and Marie E. (Schomberg) Musser.

He married Ruth D. Barnhart on Oct. 20, 1934, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kent H. of Fort Wayne and William N. of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra S. Bendezu of Angola and Beth E. Musser of Fort Wayne; two half-brothers, LaVon "Bud" Musser of Waterloo and Larry Musser of Waco, Texas; three half-sisters, Loma Reed of South Whitley, and Donna Franze and Norma Diederich, both of Auburn; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery.

Antonio Muniz

FORT WAYNE — Antonio C. Muniz, 22, died Tuesday at 1:30 a.m. in Whitley County, near Columbia City. He was a resident of Hoagland Avenue, Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 30, 1975, in Auburn to Alberto F. and Sue D. (Steinfurth) Muniz. His mother survives in Garrett and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are two sisters, Catalina A. Cary and Brandi S. Wright, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Mason Noble

SIMSBURY, Conn. — Mason Noble IV, 88, died Monday at the McLean Hospice in Simsbury, Conn., after a brief illness.

Mr. Noble was employed as a mechanical engineer by Gleason Works in Rochester, N.Y., and by Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and Toledo, Ohio, for many years before his retirement in 1974. He was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He was a member of the North Canaan Congregational Church and the Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library.

He was born May 9, 1909, in Canaan, Conn., to the late Mason Noble III and Minnie Katherine (Cake) Noble.

He married Mary Loder in 1939 and she died in 1987.

Surviving him are his second wife, Dorothy (Fuller) Mather Noble; three daughters, Cathy Downs of Boise, Idaho, Penny Noble of Mill Valley, Calif., and Ann Harris of Denver, Colo.; one son, Mason Noble V, of Philadelphia, Pa.; two stepchildren, Richard Mather and Carol Mather; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will take place Friday at 2 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, Simsbury, with the Rev. Robert H. Naylor and the Rev. Jean Blanning officiating. Burial will be in Mount View Cemetery, Canaan.

There will be no calling hours. Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to McLean Hospice, 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT 06070 or North Canaan Congregational Church, P.O. Box 306, Canaan CT 06018.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Clementine I. Cleland**, 76, died Tuesday Services at 11 a.m. Friday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Lyle LaRowe

BRYAN, Ohio — Lyle D. LaRowe, 47, of rural Bryan, died Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn from injuries he sustained in an accident at work.

Mr. LaRowe was employed by Heidtman Steel Processing in rural Butler for the past two months. He had worked as a service manager at Leichty Farm Equipment in Edgerton, Ohio, for 24 years prior to 1995.

He was born Aug. 23, 1950, in DeKalb County to Clyde and Harriett (Keller) LaRowe. His mother survives in Edgerton and his father is deceased.

He married Elaine Sutton on Dec. 18, 1992, in Bryan, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Lonnie of Perrysburg, Ohio; two daughters, Lisa Trowbridge of Claypool and Tina LaRowe of Defiance, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Shari Geren of Bryan and Rachelle Durham of Defiance; three stepsons, Travis and Pete Figgins, both of Edgerton, and David of Highland Park, Ill.; one brother, Larry of Auburn; two sisters, Laurattia Thompson of Springfield, Ore., and Linda Beerbower of Butler; four grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

A niece, Brandi Beerbower, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to either the Edon or Edgerton chapter of Future Farmers of America.

Ralph Musser

AUBURN — Ralph J. Musser, 87, died Wednesday at 3:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Musser retired in 1970 after 28 years with the U.S. Postal Service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a 1928 graduate of Kendallville High School, a member of Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, and a lifetime resident of Auburn.

He was born Oct. 10, 1910, in Auburn to the late William A. and Marie E. (Schomberg) Musser.

He married Ruth D. Barnhart on Oct. 20, 1934, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kent H. of Fort Wayne and William N. of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra S. Bendezu of Angola and Beth E. Musser of Fort Wayne; two half-brothers, LaVon "Bud" Musser of Waterloo and Larry Musser of Waco, Texas; three half-sisters, Loma Reed of South Whitley, and Donna Franze and Norma Diederich, both of Auburn; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 3-6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Paul V. Burrus of Indian Village Church of God will officiate. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Merle Pepple

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Merle L. Pepple, 73, died Tuesday at 4:05 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for the past two months.

Mr. Pepple owned and published the Hicksville News-Tribune from 1970 to 1990. He was a member of the Ohio Newspaper Association and the American Newspaper Association.

He graduated from Avilla High School with the class of 1942 and attended Manchester College. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II for three years on the USS Mustin. He was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe.

He was born July 25, 1924, in LaOtto to the late William and Dorothy (Brown) Pepple.

He married Betty Phend in 1947, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one daughter, Mary Ann Barth of Auburn; two sons, John and Jeff, both of Hicksville, one brother, Stan of Bryan, Ohio; four grandsons and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Jared Pepple; two sisters, Pauline Leiter and Ilene Young, and one brother, Harold.

Friends may call today after 2 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m.- noon in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, with calling after 1 p.m. Minister Todd Steere will officiate, with burial in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Preferred memorial contributions may be made to the church or Gideons International.

Deaths/Funerals

Edith Kallard

FORT WAYNE — Edith May Kallard, 93, died Thursday at 8:25 a.m. in Town House Health Center, Fort Wayne.

She was a nurse at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, N.J. for 30 years, retiring in 1957. After her retirement, she was a chaplain for the hospital alumni association for 25 years. She graduated from the Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing in 1926, and lived most of her life in Piscataway, N.J.

She was a charter member of the Pilot Club of Plainfield. She was past president of the Plainfield Church Council and Sunshine Circle of King's Daughters. She served on the board of the Gomerville King's Daughters Home. She was a member of the McCall Mission and charter member of the Piscataway Historical Society. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of New Market in Piscataway and president of the Nagle Bible class and missionary society.

Mrs. Kallard was born Aug. 24, 1904, in Piscataway, N.J., to the late Chauncey Field and Mary F. (McCullough) Gulik.

She married Robert Chasbro Kallard on Jan. 26, 1957, in the First Baptist Church of New Market, and he died July 25, 1980.

Surviving her are one sister, Evelyn Ditmars of Auburn; one nephew, Richard Ditmars of Auburn; one niece, Marilyn Butler of Charlotte, N.C.; two great-nephews, Eric and Kurt Ditmars of Auburn; one great-niece, Jeannine Davis of Charlotte; and one great-great-nephew, Robert M. Butler of Charlotte.

Friends may call Sunday from 7-9 p.m. in Piscataway Funeral Home, 18 Stelton Road, Piscataway.

Services take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of New Market, with burial in Bound Brook Cemetery in Bound Brook, N.J.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of local arrangements.

Thomas Raney

ELKHART — Thomas P. Raney, 56, died Wednesday at 11:54 p.m. in Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Raney lived in Elkhart and was a cost accountant for Jessen Manufacturing in Elkhart for 10 years. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Elkhart Moose Lodge 599, and the U.S. Power Squadron of South Bend. He lived in Elkhart.

He was born Feb. 15, 1941, in Auburn to Martin Vanburien Raney and Helen Irene (Turner) Raney. His mother survives in Butler and his father is deceased.

He married Diana Jane Hood on Aug. 31, 1968, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Heather Raney of Elkhart; one brother, Jerry Raney of Kendallville; and four grandsons.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Elkhart Chapel of Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home.

Services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Gene W. Hollingsworth of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church building fund.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Jack E. Mawhorter**, 57, died Thursday. Services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Kingsley

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Kingsley, 86, died Dec. 2. Born in Auburn on April 12, 1911, she lived most of her life in Oakland, Calif.

She moved to California in her early 20s to become a nurse. She attended Samuel Merritt College and graduated as a registered nurse in the 1930s. She became a teacher at the college and continued to teach for 17 years. She spent the rest of her career working for two emergency doctors in Oakland, until she was 70.

In 1990, due to declining health, she moved to Sacramento to live in a skilled nursing facility near her niece.

She is survived by two brothers, Hal Kingsley of Napa, Calif., and Richard Kingsley of Auburn; and nieces and nephews, Steven, Linda, Grant and Joyce.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Samuel Merritt College Student Scholarship Fund in Oakland.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Eli J. Troyer**, 93, died Friday. Funeral 9:30 a.m. Monday at the John Troyer residence, 0835 W-200 N, LaGrange. Visitation after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Jacob Troyer residence, 0365 W-200 N, LaGrange.

ALBION — **Jayne Disler Moss**, 73, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. Calling at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

FORT WAYNE — **Brianna D. Smith**, 2, died Thursday. Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Services 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home.

TOPEKA — **Neva M. Seagly**, 85, died Friday. Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Crash kills Albion girl, 6

By DENNIS NARTKER and DAVE KNOPP

ALBION — Six-year-old Paige Addis, the daughter of Tim and Diane S. Addis of rural Albion, died Friday from injuries she received in a two-car collision on Ind. 8 about 2 1/2 miles east of Albion.

Paige was a passenger in a 1993 Oldsmobile and being driven to school by her 33-year-old mother, of 1914 N. C.R. 500E, when the accident occurred at about 8 a.m.

The girl was airlifted by helicopter to Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne suffering from internal injuries, and pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital.

According to Indiana State Police, the accident happened when a 1989 Chevrolet, driven by Lorie L. Harmes, 33, of Fort Wayne, went left of center while eastbound on Ind. 8 at C.R. 300E, near Skinner Lake.

An eastbound vehicle in front of the Chevrolet had slowed to turn south onto C.R. 300E. The Chevrolet went left of center for an unknown reason, according to police, missing the turning vehicle and striking Addis' westbound Oldsmobile head-on.

Paige Addis

Diane Addis suffered lacerations and contusions to her head and legs and was also airlifted to Parkview, where she was listed in fair condition late Friday.

Harmes, a Noble County Sheriff's Department jail officer not on duty at the time, suffered a fractured knee, contusions and internal injuries. She was taken to McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville then transferred to Parkview, where she was listed in serious condition late Friday.

Paige was a student in the first-grade class of Brenda Fleetwood at Albion Elementary School. She had also been taking dance lessons, and was to perform in a recital of "The Nutcracker" today in Fort Wayne.

Albion Elementary School Principal Carol Tieman said fellow first-graders were informed that Paige had been in an accident before they left for home Friday, but were not told she had died.

"It's my feeling that, especially with little ones, this is something that parents need to deal with in their own ways with their own children, using their values and beliefs," said Tieman. "On Monday we'll deal with the aftermath."

Paige was the second Noble County child in five days to be killed in a vehicular accident. On Sunday, 8-year-old Bryan Miller of Ligonier was killed and his father, Kim J. Miller, seriously injured in a one-car accident in rural Kosciusko County.

Diane Addis and her daughter were wearing seat belts, which could not have prevented the girl's fatal injuries, according to police, but did reduce the seriousness of the mother's injuries. Harmes was not wearing a seat belt.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department assisted in the accident investigation.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

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Casey Wisniewski

EDON, Ohio— Casey Irene Wisniewski, 18, of Edon, Ohio, died Wednesday in Hamilton.

A 1997 graduate of Edon High School, she was born April 17, 1979, in Auburn.

She is survived by her mother, Marceille Ellen Hummel of Edon, Ohio; two sisters, Loria (Mrs. Bryan) Winhover of Antwerp, Ohio, and Jan (Mrs. John) McCalla, Hicksville, Ohio; her maternal grandfather, Anton Hummel of St. Louis; a paternal grandmother, Irene Wisniewski of Fort Wayne; one niece and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Edward Wisniewski Jr., on July 2, 1996; her maternal grandmother, Doris M. Hummel; and her paternal grandfather, Robert Wisniewski Sr.

Calling will take place Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio,

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Blakeslee, Ohio, with Father Frederick Duschl officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made in the name of Casey Irene Wisniewski to a fund set up at Edon State Bank or through the Edon Police Department.

Emery Druckamiller

ANGOLA — Emery Druckamiller, 96, of Angola, died at noon Sunday at his home.

Mr. Druckamiller in 1921 was a member of the all-state basketball team and aplayed on Syracuse High School's state runner-up team. He played on and was captain of Indiana University's state championship baseball team in 1925. He had been inducted into the Angola High School and Tri-State University halls of fame.

A graduate of IU, Mr. Druckamiller was a member of the Angola Lions Club for 44 years, was past president of the Retired Teachers Association, and was a member of the Senior Citizens Legislative Committee for two years. He was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola. He was a teacher and baseball, basketball and track coach for two years at Syracuse High School, 35 years at Angola High School, and 10 years at Tri-State University.

He was born Oct. 4, 1901, in Syracuse to the late Wilford and Sallie (Bartholomew) Druckamiller.

On Dec. 2, 1928 he married Emma (Rapp) Druckamiller, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Lee Parker of Holt, Mich.; a brother, Leonard Druckamiller of Warsaw; two sisters, Mary Kelley of Milford and Georgia Anderson of Warsaw; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild..

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Druckamiller in 1996, and a brother, Leo Druckamiller in 1995.

Friends may call Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with the Rev. David B. Bowman officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care and First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

Harold Kurtz

BLAKESLEE, Ohio — Harold M. Kurtz, 80, died Sunday at 5:10 a.m. at his home in Blakeslee, after an extended illness.

Mr. Kurtz retired in 1980 from Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, with 30 years of service. He also owned and operated Kurtz Bicycle Shop in Blakeslee for 40 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee, Knights of Columbus 3883 and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Oct. 5, 1917, in Blakeslee to the late William and Carlie (Thiel) Kurtz. He married Ladyne C. Keller on Oct. 5, 1940, in Blakeslee, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, William of Butler, Tom of Edon, Ohio, Donald of Blakeslee, and Steve of Edgerton, Ohio; four daughters, Carolyn Richmond of Auburn, Mary Word of Camden, Mich., Elaine Lirot of Bronson, Mich., and Jane Lambke of Muncie; one brother, Herman of Bryan; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, three infant daughters and one infant son.

Friends may call Wednesday after 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. Scripture services will take place Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Blakeslee, with Father Frederick Duschl officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery near Blakeslee, with graveside military rites provided by Edon American Legion Post 662.

Memorial contributions may be given to Community Hospitals of Williams County-Hospice.

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Area Deaths

FORT WAYNE — **Brianna Danielle Smith**, 2, died Thursday. Services were held today in Fort Wayne.

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary A. Klingler**, 90, died Friday. Arrangements are pending through Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

KENDALLVILLE — **Paige R. Addis**, 6, died Friday from injuries received in an auto accident. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Martha A. Moore**, 65, died Saturday. Memorial services at 2 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, LaGrange, with calling there 4-7 p.m. Tuesday.

LIGONIER — **Thomas A. Gawthrop**, 44, died Friday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

LIGONIER — **Ethelmae Cunningham**, 77 died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ligonier United Methodist Church. Calling 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LIGONIER — **Wilma L. Kuster**, 82, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

TOPEKA — **Neva M. Seagly**, 85, died Friday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

TOPEKA — **Wilma J. Miller**, 85, died at 8:40 p.m. Saturday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the family home, 4845S — 675W, Topeka, with calling there after 2 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Ralph Seiler

AUBURN — Ralph E. Seiler, 82, died Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a self-employed farmer and a member of North Leo Mennonite Church.

Mr. Seiler was born Oct. 9, 1915, in Archbold, Ohio, to the late Simon Seiler Sr. and Sarah (Stamm) Seiler.

He married Delilah Liechty on Sept. 14, 1939, in Leo and she survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Ed, Larry, Roland and Ralph, all of Auburn, and Ronald of Spencerville; four daughters-in-law, Carol, Donna, Teresa and Charlene, all of Auburn; one brother, Simon Seiler Jr. of Montpelier, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One brother, Emerson, and two sisters, Grace Waldeck and Ruth Tanner, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the North Leo Mennonite Church.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Doug Zehr and Dr. Charlie DeSanto will officiate. Burial will take place in Leo Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be given to the church.

Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Georgia Davis

HAMILTON — Georgia F. Davis, 63, died Monday at 3:12 p.m. in the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

She was a federal employee at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1992. She served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1955 to 1958. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, and AAMT of Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 15, 1934, in Decatur, Ill., to the late William Raymond and Georgia Frances (Dean) Davis.

Surviving her are one brother, Robert E. Davis of Spencerville; two sisters, Patricia Niblick of Young, Ariz., and Nancy Hanna of Hamilton; and eight nieces and nephews.

One sister, Margaret Keller, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The rosary will be recited Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Michael Frye

PLEASANT LAKE — Michael A. Frye, 40, formerly of Albion, died Monday at his home in Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Frye, a former auto mechanic at Smith Enterprise, Angola, was born May 29, 1957, to Jerome and Opal Rea Frye, who survive.

Also surviving are a son, Jacob Phillips of Waterloo; two brothers, Jerome "Jef" Frye of Blue Lake, and Kenny Frye of Pleasant Lake; and a sister, Carole Frye of Pleasant Lake.

A brother, Larry Frye, preceded him in death on Nov. 9.

There will be no calling. Services will be conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Glenda Rae Woodcox officiating. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Parson Mortuary is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cammack United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

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Patricia Freeman

LAGRANGE — Patricia Sue Freeman, 61, died Sunday in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Freeman was born Dec. 23, 1935, in Muncie to the late Joe Tolin and Nondus Tolin of LaGrange. She was a resident of Cammack, near Muncie, from 1962 until a few months ago, when she moved to LaGrange. She was married to Haskell Freeman, who preceded her in death.

She was a 1953 graduate of Yorktown High School. After graduation, she worked for Indiana Steel and Wire for a short time. She also worked for Burgauer Business Machines.

Mrs. Freeman was a member of the Cammack United Methodist Church and attended the Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo.

She is survived by her son, Joe W. Freeman of Muncie; two daughters, Pam Barnhouse of Union City and Shirley Thomas of Angola; her mother, Nondus Tolin of LaGrange; a sister, Mickie Franklin of LaGrange; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Calling will take place Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Cammack United Methodist Church. Services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the church. Burial will follow in Elm Ridge Cemetery.

C. Wilbur Weeks

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — C. Wilbur Weeks, 72, died Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on arrival at Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health for the past several years.

He was a self-employed electrician and member of the Hicksville Seventh Day Adventist Church. He lived on Spencerville Road in Hicksville.

Mr. Weeks was born April 28, 1925, in Hicksville to the late Clifford and Helen (Jackson) Weeks.

He married Eva Frick on Nov. 14, 1948, in Sherwood, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Gary Weeks of Hicksville; one daughter, Linda Camp of Patterson, Calif.; two sisters, Joan Markle of Hicksville and Sharon Lehman of Bucyrus, Ohio; two brothers, Maurice of Ardmore, Okla., and Waldo of Blue Rock, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

One sister, Velda Shull, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Wednesday after 2 p.m. and Thursday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Hal Ward officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Rosanna B. Goings**, 73, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

LAGRANGE — **Ethel I. Weber**, 90, died Monday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Deaths/Funerals

Roland Muhn Jr.

DENVER — Roland Muhn Jr., 75, died Monday in Denver.

Mr. Muhn was born in Auburn on March 21, 1922. His father was John Roland Muhn. A graduate of McIntosh High School, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II in the South Pacific and retired from the 5th Army, Chicago.

He is survived by a son, James Allen Muhn of Wheatridge, Colo.; and two grandchildren, Sarah MacKenzie Muhn and Nathan Parker Muhn. His wife, Carolyn (Tisinai) Muhn, died Tuesday.

Carolyn Muhn

DENVER — Carolyn Tisinai Muhn, 76, died Tuesday morning in Denver, Colo., after an extended illness.

She was a homemaker and retired in 1982 as a rehabilitation counselor for the state of Colorado.

She was born Sept. 12, 1921, in Chicago to Magdalene and Stephen Tisinai. Her husband, Roland Muhn Jr., preceded her in death on Monday.

Surviving are one son, James Allen Muhn of Wheatridge, Colo., and two grandchildren, Sarah MacKenzie Muhn and Nathan Parker Muhn.

Services are pending in Colorado.

Dolores Hiatt

LIGONIER — Dolores A. Hiatt, 54, of 6625W — 650N, Ligonier, died Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in an automobile accident at the intersection of Ind. 5 and 600S, Topeka.

She was born March 31, 1943, in Wolf Lake to Robert and Naomi (Keister) Gaff. On Dec. 9, 1967, in Merriam, she married Victor Hiatt. He survives.

Mrs. Hiatt, a 1961 graduate of Wolf Lake, had lived in Ligonier since 1967, moving there from Merriam. She was employed as a clerk at Kline's Department Store in Goshen and she was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Surviving with her husband are her father and stepmother, Robert and Nada Gaff of Merriam; a son, Rob Hiatt of Goshen; six brothers, Neal Gaff of Angola, Monte Gaff of Churubusco, Lyle Gaff of Dunlap, Martin Gaff of Couts, Jack Gaff of LaGrange, and Doug Gaff of Rolling Prairie; and two sisters, Julie Gaff of Merriam, and Lucille Gaff of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Naomi Gaff, in 1992.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Merriam Christian Chapel Church. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Ellen Maye Dunlap**, 95, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Mary I. Farris**, 81, died Monday. Services at 1 p.m. Friday in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Deaths/Funerals

Waldon Clingan

HUDSON — Waldon "Bub" Clingan, 77, died Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Clingan was a retired farmer and lived most of his life in Hudson.

He was born June 30, 1920, in Steuben County to the late Perry and Lillian (Boitnott) Clingan.

He married Mary Louise Eckert on Jan. 1, 1943, in Angola, and she died July 20, 1997.

Surviving him are four sons, Bill, Ron, Perry and Bob, all of Hudson; one daughter, Sally Lepley of Grabill; one sister, Helen Libey of Hudson; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder, the Rev. Bill Lepley, and the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. Burial will take place in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Willard Schweitzer

HUDSON — Willard Ray Schweitzer, 88, died Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schweitzer was a retired farmer and worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He lived in rural Hudson all his life. He attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 15, 1909, in DeKalb County to the late George and Nora (Stomm) Schweitzer.

He married Rebah V. Sherman on Nov. 26, 1936, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rita Kay (Mrs. Don) Nichols of Hudson and Frances G. (Mrs. Walter Ray Jr.) Lockwood of Marion; one brother, Vern of Kendallville; one sister, Martha Strite of LaGrange; four grandchildren, Brian Nichols of Hudson, Greg Nichols of Paulding, Ohio, Karen Kay Taylor of Morgantown, W.Va., and Mark Alan Lockwood of Marion; and four great-grandchildren, Felicia and Samantha Nichols, Ezekiel Lockwood and Christopher Taylor.

One brother, Charles, and one sister, Anna Feagler, preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with calling after 10 a.m. Lloyd Mealer will officiate, with burial in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lake James Christian Assembly.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Anna Mae Miller**, 76, died at her residence today at 12:08 a.m. Funeral services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Jacob Kurtz residence at 1355W — 100S, LaGrange, with Bishop Delbert Mast and the Rev. John Beachy officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, LaGrange. Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday at the family residence at 1040W — 100S, LaGrange.

AVILLA — **Emma Jean Offord**, 66, died Wednesday at 3 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Curt Austin officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery. Calling is 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Rick Loucks

ASHLEY — Rick E. Loucks, 40, died Thursday at 8:34 a.m. from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Mauston, Wis.

He was a fur trader and owned and operated The Buckskin Shop in Ashley for the past 20 years. He graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1976 and spent most of his life in the Ashley-Hudson area. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, the National Trappers Association, and the National Fishing Lures Collector Club.

Mr. Loucks was born Nov. 25, 1957, in Angola to John and Sadie (Owen) Loucks. His father died in 1972.

He is survived by his parents, Herb and Sadie Grate of Ashley; a son, Levi Loucks of Ashley; a daughter, Jasmin Loucks of Ashley; two brothers, Terry Loucks of Angola and Jim Loucks of Hamilton; and a sister, Cyndy Chorpenning of Hudson.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the Hudson United Brethren Church. The Rev. Craig Burkholder, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Friends may call Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before services Monday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Levi and Jasmin Loucks education fund.

Gerald Flinn

FORT WAYNE — Gerald R. (Gerry) Flinn Jr., 47, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at 1:21 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, after an electrical accident in the McDonald's Restaurant parking lot, Auburn.

He was an electrical mechanic with Summit City Electric and previously worked at C.A. Lehman Construction for 26 years.

Mr. Flinn was born Dec. 19, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Phyllis R. (Beckley) and Gerald R. Flinn Sr.

He is survived by a daughter, Angela D. Throop of Huntertown; a son, Kenneth A. Flinn of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Anita D. Gerdom of Huntertown and Pamela L. LaCroix of Melbourne, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday in D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Dr. Carl Satre officiating. Friends may call today from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Billy Shaffer

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — Billy Mike Shaffer, 52, died Thursday in his Wapakoneta residence from an apparent heart attack.

He was born Dec. 4, 1945, in Paulding, Ohio, to Kenneth Franklin and Betty Lou (Pitney) Shaffer. He had been married to Jennifer Cummins of St. Marys, Ohio.

He was a truck driver, but had been disabled since 1979.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Sgt. Michael D. and Michele Shaffer of Fort Sill, Okla.; two daughters, Christina Dunlap of Leesburg, Fla., and Misty Shaffer of Wapakoneta; a son, Isreale Shaffer of St. Marys; a brother and sister-in-law, Butch and Emma Shaffer of Garrett; a sister, Linda Richie of Auburn; a brother, Fred Shaffer of Wapakoneta; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Steve Shaffer.

Funeral services will take place at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Long & Folk Funeral Home, St. Marys, with thr Rev. Judy K. Ball officiating. Friends may call Monday from 1-2 p.m., at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta.

Jerome Panyard

ANGOLA — Jerome "Jerry" Panyard, 70, died Wednesday at 9:17 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1987 as a truck driver for Canteen Vending Corp. He lived in Angola.

Mr. Panyard was born May 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Jerome C. Panyard Sr. and Elma (France) Panyard. His mother survives in Angola and his father is deceased.

He married his wife, Carol J., on June 12, 1948, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Raymond J. of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Donna L. Yarnelle of Fremont, and Deborah A. Panyard and Pamela A. Williams, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Robert and Donald, both of Fremont; one sister, Dorothy Angel of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Ken Yarnelle Jr. and Kendra Hinman, both of Fremont, and Eric and Emily Williams, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Kenneth Alt will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Dunnavan

ANGOLA — Robert F. Dunnavan, 88, of Angola, died Friday at 2:55 a.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Dunnavan, a school teacher, was born Oct. 24, 1909, to the late Franklin and Hattie McElroy Dunnavan in Ray. His wife, Osean, preceded him in death in 1980.

Surviving are a son, Chad Dunnavan of Angola; a brother, Ned Dunnavan of Vicksburg, Mich.; two sisters, Dorothy Yeager of Gobles, Mich., and Virginia DeBoer of Mattawan, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 4-8:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Williams County, Ohio. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Rosier Thorp

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Rosier Wayne Thorp, 72, of Montgomery, died Friday at 5:03 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Thorp was retired from Essex Wire of Hillsdale, Mich., and was a member of the United Brethren Church of Montgomery, Mich.

He was born Sept. 10, 1925, to the late Alby and Maude Traxler Thorp in Williams County, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita Smith Thorp, of Montgomery, whom he married March 28, 1947; two sons, Cecil LeRoy (and wife, Michael Lee) Thorp of Jonesville, Mich., and Michael Wayne (and wife, Deborah) Thorp of Hillsdale, Mich.; two daughters, Diana Lee (and husband, Merwin) Youngs of Scotts, Mich. and Cindy Lou (and husband Kim) Westfall of Montgomery; three sisters, Annice (and husband, Howard) Gould of Clark Lake, Mich., and Shirly Matcheyy and Janeth Goodman, both of Mexia, Mich.; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

Friends may call Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services will begin at 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Gerald Hallman officiating. Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio, with military rites at the cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to United Brethren Church, Montgomery, Mich. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

John Hinderer

SYRACUSE — John R. Hinderer, 66, of Syracuse, died at 11:45 a.m. Thursday at Goshen General Hospital from a heart attack.

On Oct. 1, 1931, he was born in Syracuse to Russell and Fannie (Levinson) Hinderer. On Oct. 22, 1955, he married Betty VanCuren. She survives.

He retired as a machine operator from Dana Corp.

Mr. Hinderer was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Syracuse American Legion Post.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Rebecca (Mrs. Lynn) McDonald of Corunna; two sons, Fred Hinderer of Leesburg, and Brian Hinderer of Pierceton; two stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse with Rev. Kennard Robinson officiating. Burial, with military graveside services, will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Etta Halsey

HUDSON — Etta M. Halsey, 97, of rural Hudson, died Saturday in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Halsey was a homemaker, and a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church in Hudson and the Presbyterian Women's Aid.

She was born Aug. 23, 1900, in Kentucky to Clay and Allie Wilson.

She married Leonard J. Halsey on Dec. 24, 1921. He preceded her in death on Jan. 21, 1991.

One son, Clifford Halsey, also preceded her in death in 1991.

Mrs. Halsey is survived by a son, Rolo Halsey of Pleasant Lake; 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at Salem Center Presbyterian Church in Hudson.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Alvin Sonnenberg

NAPOLEON, Ohio — Alvin Sonnenberg, 83, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio.

He was a self-employed carpenter and farmer. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, where he served as a Sunday School superintendent, on the church building committee, and belonged to the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a member of Malinta American Legion Post 400.

Mr. Sonnenberg was born June 17, 1914, in Henry County, Ohio, to the late Edward and Henrietta (Salow) Sonnenberg.

He married Christina I. Hunter on June 8, 1941, and she survives.

Also surviving are six sons, Richard of Wauseon, Ohio, Allan of Holgate, Ohio, Lynn and Burdell, both of Napolon, Steve of Hamler, Ohio, and Eugene of Garrett; two daughters, Elaine Kirkendall of Napoleon and Helena Emerson of Butler; one brother, Carl of Napoleon; three sisters, Amelia Habel of Wauseon, Hilda Nye of Napoleon and Henrietta Ludemann of Defiance, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, James; one brother, Edwin; and one sister, Elvina Miller.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. in Snyder-Wesche Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Hope Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Norman Norden officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church building fund, the Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Steinmetz

GARRETT — Mary Ellen Steinmetz, 84, died Sunday at 3:23 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and lived in Garrett since 1940. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosary Society, Daughters of Isabella and Harvest House.

Mrs. Steinmetz was born July 9, 1913, in Sidney, Ohio, to the late Andrew and Anne Marie (Hart) Frentz.

She married Arthur A. Steinmetz on Sept. 29, 1940, in Fort Wayne and he died Nov. 28, 1970.

Surviving her are three sons, Dr. Thomas F. Steinmetz of Huntington, Dr. James A. Steinmetz of Appleton, Wis., and Tony J. Steinmetz of Lodi, Calif.; one brother, Robert Frentz of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

One brother, James Frentz, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be said today at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic School.

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Sarah Penrod

ANGOLA — Sarah E. Penrod, 97, of Angola, died Saturday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mrs. Penrod was a homemaker and a cook at the Flint School. She was a member of the United Methodist Women. She was born Jan. 28, 1900, to the late George and Elizabeth (Bryant) Halsey in Morgan County, Ky.

She married Marvin Penrod on Oct. 31, 1922. He preceded her in death in 1961.

Surviving are two sons, Lynn Penrod of Angola and Larry Penrod of Bourbonnis, Ill.; one daughter, Doris Goodwin of Roscoe, Ill.; and two sisters, Blanche DeLancey of Angola and Gladys Dirrim of Angola.

Also preceding her in death were one son, Randall Penrod; six brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Flint United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Glenda Ray Woodcox officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Flint.

Memorials may be made to Flint United Methodist Church, Steuben County.

Mason Arnold

KENDALLVILLE — Mason Arnold, 72, of Kendallville, died at 3:30 a.m. today. He had been in failing health since 1995.

On March 10, 1925, in Hunter, Ky., he was born to Harry and Sarah Ann (Browning) Arnold. He married Hermia Johnson on Oct. 10, 1947, in Prestonsburg, Ky. She survives.

Mr. Arnold was a coal miner and worked for 11 years at Kendallville Foundry. He was a member of Community Baptist Church, rural Wolcottville.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five daughters, Barbara Handshoe of LaGrange, Gracie Ellen Christlieb of South Milford, Wanda Sue Arnold and Lois Ann Handshoe, both of Kendallville, and Verna Mae Roller of San Antonio, Texas; two sons, Roy Lee Arnold of South Milford, and Harlan Ray Arnold of St. Charles, Mo.; one sister, Laveina Bolen of LaGrange; two brothers, Raymond Arnold of Homer, Mich., and Floyd Mosley of Garrett; 27 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Cleburn and Ernest, and four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Community Baptist Church with the Revs. Lee Combs, Billy Fields and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, rural LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday after 3 p.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Velma Dittmer**, 83, died Saturday. Services at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church. Calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home. Burial in Eberhard Cemetery.

SYRACUSE — **Glen A. Mast**, 41, died Dec. 14 in Reno, Nev. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel. Calling from 9 a.m. until services.

Deaths/Funerals

Dorothy Deihl

GARRETT — Dorothy M. Deihl, 93, died Monday at 11:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a homemaker and member of Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, Garrett. She was a lifetime Garrett resident.

Mrs. Deihl was born June 24, 1904, in DeKalb County to the late John and Emma (Davidson) Deihl.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, George, LeRoy and Victor Deihl, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Jerel Book will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or the donor's choice.

Walter Smith Jr.

GARRETT — Walter A. "Bud"Smith Jr., 73, died Monday at 12:55 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a machinist at Warner Gear for 30 years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and lived in Garrett.

Mr. Smith was born June 14, 1924, in Defiance, Ohio, to the late Walter A. Smith Sr. and Martha Goldfuss Smith.

He married Bette Moses on Dec. 22, 1942, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Patrick of Grabill and Frederick of Garrett; two daughters, Susan Burtch of Midland, Mich., and Martha Troutner of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Frances Dickinson and Norman Brunson, both of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One son, Joseph Allen Smith Jr., preceded him in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with Pastor Jim Welch officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Garrett Fire Department.

Mary Richter

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — Mary O. Richter, 96, died Monday in St. Vincent Nursing Home in Montclair, N.J.

She was a homemaker and formerly lived in Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, its Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella.

Mrs. Richter was born Feb. 22, 1901, in Avilla to the late Frank Henry and Clara C. (Lash) Teders.

She married Aloysius J. Richter of May 2, 1923, in Garrett and he died Sept. 21, 1979.

Surviving her are two sons, Maynard and John, both of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Rita Pershing of Elkhorn, Neb., Barbara Hanna of Naples, Fla., Mary Ann Patrick of Longwood, Fla., and Theresa Hoy of Verona, N.J.; 34 grandchildren and 65 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincet Nursing Home, 45 Elm St., Montclair NJ 07042.

Etta Halsey

HUDSON — Etta M. Halsey, 97, of rural Hudson, died Saturday at 7:40 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Halsey was a homemaker, and a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church in Hudson and the Presbyterian Women's Aid.

She was born Aug. 23, 1900, in Kentucky to Clay and Allie Wilson.

She married Leonard J. Halsey on Dec. 24, 1921. He preceded her in death on Jan. 21, 1991.

Mrs. Halsey is survived by a son, Rolo Halsey of Pleasant Lake; 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren.

One son, Clifford Halsey, also preceded her in death in 1991.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home in Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Suzanne Foose

WORTHINGTON, Ohio — Suzanne Rene (McCaffrey) Foose, 26, died Sunday at her home in Worthington.

She was a graduate radiology technician and also worked for The Kroger Co.

She was born in Marion, Ind., to Tom and Carole McCaffrey, who survive in Columbus.

Also surviving are her husband of four years, James R. Foose Jr.; one sister, Christina Evans of Pittsford, N.Y.; her mother- and father-in-law, Eulalia and James Foose, Sr.; two sisters-in-law, Jane Foose and Joyce Primobic; her grandmother, Mildred Close of Auburn, and nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in Schoedinger Worthington Chapel, 6699 N. High St., Worthington.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with burial at 3 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Dorothea Maloney will officiate.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Phyllis Catherine Darnall**, 72, died at her residence today at 12:39 a.m. A memorial service will be Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville at 11 a.m. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — **Joyce S. Willoughby**, 50, died Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Neb. She had suffered a stroke on Dec. 15. A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. There will be no visitation.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ellen Frances Franks**, 91, died Monday at 6:03 p.m. at ExtendaCare in Kendallville, where she had been a resident since 1996. Funeral services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Wawaka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Susan Martin officiating. Calling will be on Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at the Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Deaths/Funerals

Vera Garty

ASHLEY — Vera L. Garty, 82, of Ashley, died Wednesday at 8:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

George Stebing

AUBURN — George J. Stebing, 80, died today at 2:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He retired in 1973 with 34 years of service as a machinist at Auburn Gear. He lived in Garrett and formerly lived in Auburn. He was 50-year member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and was a member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F. & A.M.

Mr. Stebing was born July 23, 1917, in Auburn to the late Michael and Martha (Mitchell) Stebing.

He married Ruth Casselman on June 17, 1939, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jerry A. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Jeanne A. Burns of Auburn and Judy A. Park of Defiance, Ohio; one brother, Jim of Auburn; three sisters, Catherine May Reid of Genoa, Ohio, Mina DeLauder of Garrett, and Barbara Luke of Florida; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce; five brothers, four sisters and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call Friday from 3-6 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Services will be held Saturday at noon in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb Hospice or DeKalb Home Health Care.

This obituary is being republished to correct information supplied to the newspaper.

Dorothy Deihl

GARRETT — Dorothy M. Deihl, 93, died Monday at 11:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a homemaker and member of Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, Garrett. She was a lifetime Garrett resident.

Miss Deihl was born June 24, 1904, in DeKalb County to the late John and Emma (Davidson) Deihl.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, George, LeRoy and Victor Deihl, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Jerel Book will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Merl Wappes

HAMILTON — Merl Wappes, 79, died Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at his home on Metz Road in Hamilton.

Mr. Wappes was a farmer and also worked at Simpson Industries in Edon, Ohio, retiring in 1983. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Knights of Pythias in Hamilton.

Mr. Wappes was born June 30, 1918, in Churubusco to Joe and Mary Inez (Freeman) Wappes.

He married Thelma Irene (Aldrich) on April 23, 1947, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on June 21, 1991.

Mr. Wappes is survived by three sons, David of Fremont, and Bruce and Bryce, both of Hamilton; two daughters, Shirley Maier and Judy Muehlfeld, both of Edon, Ohio; a brother, Forrest, of Ashley; two sisters, Wanda Wilks of Auburn and Vera Creager of Butler; 12 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Two brothers, Lawrence and Earl, also preceded him in death.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with C. Willard McKinley officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Russell Tyre

COLTON, Ore. — Russell A. Tyre, 80, a former resident of Stroh, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, at his home in Colton, Ore.

He was born Dec. 18, 1917, and was married to Arlene Hall, who survives.

He worked at Weatherhead Corp. in Angola for several years and retired from there.

Mr. Tyre is survived by his wife, four children, Russell, Rita, Wayne and Mike; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Elwood Community Church in Colton, Ore.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Sandra L. Henning**, 59, died Monday at her residence. She had been in declining health for some time, but her death was unexpected. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Dennis A. Shock, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Calling will be at the funeral home Friday from 2 to 8 p.m.

GOSHEN — **Ruth Irene Hostetler**, 91, died Monday at 8:05 p.m. at Greencroft Gables Health Care Center where she had lived for three years. Funeral services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. John C. Murray officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana. Visitation will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to the service.

Deaths/Funerals

Letha Smith

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Letha L. Smith, 79, of Angola, died this morning at 2:01 a.m. in Winter Haven, Fla.

Surviving is her husband, DeLoy Smith of Angola.

Arrangements for calling, services and burial are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Josephine Grubaugh

HOWE — Josephine G. Grubaugh, 79, died Tuesday at 7:24 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Grubaugh was born Sept. 7, 1918, in LaGrange County to William A. and Laura (Haybarger) Scott. She married Herbert Grubaugh who died on Nov. 28, 1978.

She was a member of the Brighton Chapel Brethren Church, the Women's Missionary Society, Michiana Club and Golden Agers.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Grubaugh of Spencerville and Robert Grubaugh of Howe; one daughter, Linda Williams of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Mary Yoder of Lafayette and June Hamilton of Scottsville, Mich.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grubaugh was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Brighton Chapel Brethren Church with the Rev. George Youstra officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation is today from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brighton Chapel Brethren Church.

Funeral arrangements are by Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home of Howe.

Memorials may be made to the LaGrange County Heart Fund or Brighton Chapel Brethren Church.

Dorothy Hendrickson

AUBURN — Dorothy Edith Hendrickson, 83, died Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was a homemaker and lived on Wesley Road in Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, the Railroad Club in Kendallville and a breakfast club in Avilla.

She was born June 28, 1914, in Williams County, Ohio, to the late Frank and Alta (Sickmiller) McClish.

She married Wendal Hendrickson on Sept. 1, 1932, in Fort Wayne, and he died March 27, 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Oliver D. and Marvin R., both of Logansport; one daughter and son-in-law, Laurene and Bill Elwell of Houghton Lake, Mich.; a half-sister, Letha Stark of Powell, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

One daughter, Edith May, and one sister, Mabel McKean, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling at the church after noon. The Rev. Rick Garmon will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Homer D. Schenk

LAOTTO — Homer D. Schenk, a resident of rural LaOtto in DeKalb County, died at 6:41 a.m. Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill for the past month.

Mr. Schenk was born in LaOtto to Walter and Grace (Ditmars) Schenk. He married Ruby Gump on June 3, 1940. She died Feb. 12, 1994. He married Marcile Troyer Whonsetler on Nov. 26, 1994. She survives.

He worked as a farmer all his life and was employed as a block operator for Conrail for 35 years.

He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and also attended LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Also surviving are three sons, Wyman L. Schenk of Santa Fe, N.M., Gerald D. Schenk of LaOtto and Roger L. Schenk of Indialantic, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Barbara) Brown of Wylie, Texas, and Mrs. James (Irma) Pensinger of Garrett; a brother, Dale Schenk of Dallas, Texas; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, west of Garrett. Pastor John McFarland and Pastor Jim Watkins will officiate. Burial will be at Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren or LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

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Vera Garty

ASHLEY — Vera L. Garty, 82, died Wednesday at 8:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was a cook at several area restaurants, including Lake-of-the-Woods Tavern, Miller's Restaurant of Kendallville and The Wheel Works, also in Kendallville. She was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women. She lived most of her life near Turkey Lake and Lake-of-the-Woods before moving to Ashley.

Mrs. Garty was born Sept. 27, 1915 in Bluffton to the late Ross and Mabel (Metz) Hoopingarner.

She married Richard J. Garty on March 3, 1942, in Pontiac, Mich., and he died Jan. 15, 1981.

Surviving her are one daughter, Linda (Mrs. Joseph) Tritch of Hudson; five grandchildren, Sharon Moore, Edward Tritch, Deborah Miller, Richard E. Tritch and Candi Cooley; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Wright Cemetery, Hudson, with Robert Kirtlan officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Helmer United Methodist Church.

Robert Thorne

BUTLER — Robert E. "Sonny" Thorne, 60, died Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. in his Butler home.

He was a former employee of Abros in Butler.

Mr. Thorne was born May 22, 1937, in Paris, Tenn., to Milton and Lillie Bell (Bennett) Thorne. His mother survives in Butler and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth and Keith, both of Paris, Tenn.; one daughter, Debbra Paschall of Waterloo; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dallas and Patsy Thorne of Murray, Ky., John and Jane Thorne of Butler and Reuben and Judy Thorne, also of Butler; four sisters, Carolyn (Mrs. Jesse) Cannady, Louise (Mrs. Henry) Black, Laverne Higsby, and Marilyn (Mrs. Johnny) Vittonel, all of Butler; two grandchildren, and a companion, Lillian Roden.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after noon. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Norma Workman

GARRETT — Norma M. Workman, 76, died Thursday at 1:50 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked in warehouse packaging at Stanadyne in Garrett. She lived on South Road in Garrett.

Mrs. Workman was born June 17, 1921, in Kunkle, Ohio, to the late Cecil and Orpha (Franks) Case.

She married Kenneth P. Workman, and he died June 7, 1995.

Surviving her are one daughter, Cathy Wells of Garrett; one son, Randy McCullough of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Pauline Surfus of Michigan, Thelma Brown of Garrett, and Marie Boyd of Angola; one brother, Max Case of Daytona, Fla.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Deb Neukom, and one brother, Earl Case, preceded her in death.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be held Saturday at noon in the funeral home, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. of First Baptist Church, Garrett, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Arthritis Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

Davis Johnson

GARRETT — Davis H. Johnson, 75, died Tuesday at 2:56 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a supervisor at Warner Gear in Auburn and lived on Warfield Street in Garrett. He was a member and deacon at First Church of Christ in Garrett. He was also a member of the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 11, 1922, in Artic to the late Wesley and Florence (Dodge) Johnson.

He married Naomi Murphy on June 30, 1945, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Ruth Ann Johnston of Smithland, Iowa; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Deaths/Funerals

Sharon Duehmig

AVILLA — Sharon Duehmig, 59, died Friday at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville after being stricken at her Avilla residence earlier in the day.

Mrs. Duehmig was born Aug. 19, 1938, in Elkhart, to Leo and Kathryn Wilks (Overley) DeLucenay. On April 29, 1960, in Avilla, she married Joseph W. Duehmig, who survives.

The Butler University graduate was a nearly lifelong resident of Avilla.

She owned the Avilla Realty until October 1997 and was a former president of the Avilla Chamber of Commerce and had taught junior high art classes at Avilla School for 22 years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and its Rosary Society; was a part owner of Autumn Hills Senior Apartments in Avilla and Albion; and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Avilla American Legion Post.

Surviving besides her husband are four sons, David Duehmig of Louisville, Ky., Joseph Duehmig of Milwaukee, Wis., Robert Duehmig of Portland, Ore., and Mark Duehmig of Columbia, Mo.; three sisters, Judy Bohn of Denver, Colo., Mary Sue Hurley of Fort Wayne and Beth Beard of Washington, D.C.; three brothers, Dennis DeLucenay of Indianapolis, Kent DeLucenay of Lake Forest, Ill., and John DeLucenay of Avilla; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with the Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Calling is Monday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery.

Hazel Havlock

FORT WAYNE — Hazel M. Havlock, 59, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Havlock was born April 29, 1938, in Lebanon, Mo., to Marshall and Annabelle (Shivers) Williams. She married Donald R. Havlock.

She was a member of VFW Post 10006 Auxiliary.

Surviving besides her husband are three sons, Robert Fromm Jr. and Wendell L. Fromm, both of Fort Wayne, and William L. Gunder of Waterloo; two daughters, Teresa E. Caldwell of Fort Wayne and Stephanie D. Steadman of Angola; four brothers, Francis A. Williams, William R. Williams, Marion L. Williams and William C. Williams, all of Hartford City; four sisters, Sithia E. Mercer of Washington, Irene N. Callantien of Hartford City, Rosie L. McCoy of Las Vegas and Thelma Reeves of Texas; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Lenea Anderson

FORT WAYNE — Lenea M. Anderson, 24, of North Webster, died Wednesday.

The Columbia City native was a licensed beautician.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Peggy and Howard Mossing of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Dean and Sandy Anderson of North Webster; one brother, Ben Anderson of Syracuse; three stepsisters, Charity Cripe of North Webster and Jennifer Campbell and Jill Mossing, both of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Heath Cripe of North Webster and Jason Mossing of Phoenix; grandparents, Louise Anderson of North Webster and Ruth Williams of New Haven.

Services will be today at 1:30 p.m. in Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery, Mock Addition.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Juanita Hull**, 70, died Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

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Deaths/Funerals

Consuela Trail

GARRETT — Consuela A. "Connie" Trail, 22, died Wednesday at 2:51 a.m. in a fire at her Garrett home.

Consuela Trail

Her daughters, Tori and Tessa, also died in the fire.

She was born March 24, 1975, in Salem, Va. Her father, Tim Trail, survives in Roanoke, Va. Her mother, Georgie (Wickline) Hickman, survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are one sister, Misty Trail of Garrett; her stepfather, Todd Hickman of Garrett; her grandfather, Harry Wickline of Tampa, Fla.; her grandmother, Lillian Trail of Roanoke, Va.; a stepgrandfather, Alva Hickman of Rayland, Ohio; and a stepgrandmother, Virginia Hickman of Rayland.

A memorial service was conducted today at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, County Road 7, Garrett, with Pastor Jerel Book officiating.

A graveside service was to take place today at 3 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

There was no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

Tori Trail

GARRETT — Tori Trail, 3, died Wednesday at 2:51 a.m. in a fire at her Garrett home.

Tori Trail

She was born Dec. 2, 1994, in Auburn. Her mother, Consuela A. Trail, and her sister, Tessa Trail, also died in the fire.

Surviving are a grandfather, Tim Trail of Roanoke, Va.; a grandmother, Georgie (Wickline) Hickman of Garrett; a stepgrandfather, Todd Hickman of Garrett; an aunt, Misty Trail of Garrett; a great-grandfather, Harry Wickline of Tampa, Fla.; a great-grandmother, Lillian Trail of Roanoke, Va.; a stepgreat-grandfather, Alva Hickman of Rayland, Ohio; and a stepgreat-grandmother, Virginia Hickman of Rayland.

A memorial service was held today at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, County Road 7, Garrett, with Pastor Jerel Book officiating.

A graveside service was to be held today at 3 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

There was no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

Tessa Trail

GARRETT — Tessa Trail, 1, died Wednesday at 2:51 a.m. in a fire at her Garrett home.

She was born Nov. 9, 1996, in Fort Wayne to Keith Lykins and Consuela A. Trail. Her mother and a sister, Tori Trail, also died in the fire.

Surviving her are a grandfather, Tim Trail of Roanoke, Va.; a grandmother, Georgie (Wickline) Hickman of Garrett; a stepgrandfather, Todd Hickman of Garrett; an aunt, Misty Trail of Garrett; a great-grandfather, Harry Wickline of Tampa, Fla.; a great-grandmother, Lillian Trail of Roanoke, Va.; a stepgreat-grandfather, Alva Hickman of Rayland, Ohio; and a stepgreat-grandmother, Virginia Hickman of Rayland, Ohio.

Tessa Trail

A memorial service was held today at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, County Road 7, Garrett, with Pastor Jerel Book officiating.

A graveside service was to be held today at 3 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

There was no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

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James Hagerman

EDGERTON, Ohio — James L. Hagerman, 86, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday in Arab, Ala., while visiting his daughter.

Mr. Hagerman was a salesman and had worked for Bard Manufacturing for many years, operated and owned the Bryan Hardware, and started the Auburn Burner Co. In recent years he worked for Branstrator Aluminum Products in Fort Wayne and Urbin Products in Galion, Ohio.

Mr. Hagerman was a former member of Bryan City Council and member of the board of directors of The Mobile Home Association of Ohio. He was a member of Bryan Masonic Lodge 215, F&AM, where he was a 50-year member, The Valley of Toledo Scottish Rite, Zenobia Shrine Temple of Toledo, Ohio, The Northwest Ohio Shrine Club, The Shrine Corvair Club, and a long-time organizer of the annual Shrine Children's Burn Center Golf Outing at Hicksville Country Club. He was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church and a graduate of Purdue University.

Mr. Hagerman was born Nov. 22, 1911, in Penfield, Ill., to Lewis Chauncey and Letus Viola (Cook) Hagerman.

On Sept. 9, 1934, he married Mildred H. Fisher in Centerville, Mich. She preceded him in death on Nov. 29, 1992.

He is survived by one son, Terry (Jeanie) Hagerman of Edgerton, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Replogle of Arab, Ala; two brothers, four sisters, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Friends may call Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Masonic services to be conducted at 8:30 p.m.

Services will take place Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Kevin Orr officiating. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorial donations in his name may be given to Shrine Children's Burn Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Margaret Brinkman

HUDSON — Margaret B. Brinkman, 86, of Hudson, died at 3:56 p.m. Sunday in Kendallville Manor HealthCare, Kendallville. She had been ill two years.

She was born Sept. 9, 1911, in Fort Wayne to Frank C. and Sadie (Bueshing) Walter. On Jan. 15, 1935, in Fort Wayne, she married William F. Brinkman Sr. He preceded her in death in March 1991.

Mrs. Brinkman had lived in Rome City since 1948 and moved in 1988 to Hudson. She had been employed by Essex Wire, and retired in 1979 as a cook at LaGrange Hospital.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Ziegler and Carol Whetzel, both of Hudson, and Grace Rhea of Fort Wayne; two sons, William F. Brinkman Jr. of Rome City, and James Rex Brinkman of Monticello; a sister, Betty Probst of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Michael Booher of South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ or Kendallville Manor.

Rena Cary

ANGOLA — Rena B. Cary, 96, of Angola, died Saturday at 12:50 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Cary was a homemaker and a member of the Orland Eastern Star.

She was born April 13, 1901, in Cecil, Ohio, to the late Simon and Daisy (Winn) Wolf.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, in 1976.

Surviving are a son, Dean Cary of Vista, Calif.; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Friends may call tonight from 6-8 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, with the Rev. David Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Katherine Gessaman

ANGOLA — Katherine C. Gessaman, 76, of Angola, died Saturday in her home.

Mrs. Gessaman was a homemaker and a member of the First Congregational Church of Christ, Angola.

She was born March 23, 1921, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Clyde and Beatrice (Huber) Kolb.

On July 26, 1941, she married Richard E. Gessaman, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Richard E. "Dick" Gessaman Jr. of Angola; two daughters, Linda Tresp of Houston and Kathleen Burk of Jackson, Mich.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Kolb.

Friends may call Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, with the Rev. David B. Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Steuben County.

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Spugon Andrews

GARRETT — Spugon Andrews, 82, of 1208 W. Quincy St., Garrett, died Saturday at 2 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Andrews had worked at the former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad shops in Garrett.

He was born July 16, 1915, in Dale County, Ala., to William H. and Dora (Thompson) Andrews.

He is survived by two brothers, Matt Andrews and John Andrews, both of Garrett; and two sisters, Mabel Myers and Mishie Day, both of Middletown, Ohio.

There will be no funeral services or calling hours. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Robinson

AUBURN — Joseph A. Robinson died Sunday at his home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Agnes E. Willmering**, 90, died Sunday. Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco. Calling after 9 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

LIGONIER — **John R. Mazier**, 59, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Altie DeRoo

HUNTINGTON — Altie DeRoo, 68, died Sunday at 4:10 p.m. in her Huntington home, after an illness of four months.

Mrs. DeRoo worked at Adams County Memorial Hospital for about 6 1/2 years, and retired in 1992 from DeRoo Cleaning Service in Huntington. She was a longtime resident of Decatur and had lived in Huntington since 1985.

She was a 1947 graduate of Berne High School and was a member of First Baptist Church in Decatur.

She was born April 27, 1929, in Adams County to the late Hugh Moyer and Vivian Hope Hart.

She married Harry L. DeRoo on Dec. 22, 1976, in Decatur, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Brooks Wolfe of Apex, N.C., and Kenneth Wolfe of Decatur; one daughter, Donna Meyer of Decatur; three sisters, Goldie Eix of Fort Wayne, Edna Hoffman of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Lois Ballard of Decatur; two stepsons, Roger DeRoo of Monroe and Gene DeRoo of Decatur; a stepdaughter, Michelle Alspaugh of Decatur; four grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, including Sherri Ayers of Auburn.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Zwick-Sefton & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Dr. Robert K. Stuck officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Huntington County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Jessie Woodworth

MCBAIN, Mich. — Jessie W. Woodworth, 96, died Friday in Autumnwood Nursing Home, McBain, Mich.

She was born Feb. 17, 1901, in Fremont to William C. and Zoa (Heller) Williamson. On Dec. 21, 1930, she married Cecil G. Appleman, who preceded her in death Oct. 2, 1949. In December 1957 in LaGrange, she married McKinley Woodworth and he preceded her in death Jan. 12, 1979.

Mrs. Woodworth, formerly of LaGrange, was a retired school teacher in Fremont, Kendallville, South Bend and Lakeland schools. She retired in 1974 after teaching 34 1/2 years. She had lived most of her life in LaGrange and was a former member of the LaGrange County Library Board. She was a graduate of Fremont High School, Goshen College, Ball State University, Indiana University, Chicago University and Columbia School of Music in Chicago.

Surviving are two sons, Eugene G. Appleman of Columbia, S.C., and Cecil W. Appleman of Petoskey, Mich.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett and the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Visitation is from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to East Springfield United Methodist Church in LaGrange County.

Deaths/Funerals

Joseph Robinson

ST. JOE — Joseph A. "Joe" Robinson, 80, died Sunday in his Auburn home.

Mr. Robinson was born Nov. 30, 1917, in Worcester, Mass., to Benjiman and Lillian (Heselton) and lived most of his life in St. Joe.

He retired from General Electric in 1976 with 35 years of service. He was a life member of the I.A.M. Union and a member of the Knights of Pythias Auburn Lodge 191 D.O.O.K., and the Garrett Eagles lodge.

He also was a 50-year member and honorary life member of the Concord/St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department, and a member of the DeKalb/Steuben County Fire Association, DeKalb County Civil Defense, and the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association.

He married Margaret J. (Ralphine) Justus on May 7, 1938, in Goshen and she died on Nov. 1, 1992.

He is survived by three sons, Maynard A. of McDonough, Ga., Lynn J. of Waterloo, and Stanley E. of Anderson; two brothers, Ernest M. and Francis S., both of Garrett; a sister, Margery Timbrook of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with the Rev. Paul W. Row officiating. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, rural St. Joe.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children First Center, Auburn.

Edwin Greenfield

AUBURN — Edwin C. Greenfield, 83, died Sunday at 4:15 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Greenfield retired in 1977 with 20 years of service as a semi driver for Commercial of Ohio. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Teamsters Union. He was a former member of Guys & Gals and Tri-County Skirts & Shirts square dance clubs.

He was born March 6, 1914, in Garrett to the late Albert and Zella (Nelson) Greenfield.

He married Coralyn Leas on Oct. 29, 1943, in Salem Center, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, David M. of Auburn; one brother, Henry A. of Garrett; one sister, Phyllis Park of Billingham, Wash.; three grandchildren and one stepgrandchild.

One son, Dennis A., preceded him in death.

Services will be conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. Howard G. Compton, pastor of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Heart Association.

Raymond Hook

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Raymond L. "Ray" Hook, 66, died Monday at 12:50 a.m. in his Hicksville home. He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Hook served as principal of Hicksville Elementary School for 32 years, retiring in 1988. He graduated from Spencerville High School with the class of 1949. He attended Kent State University and graduated from Defiance College with the class of 1956. He earned a master's degree in education from Ohio State University in 1967.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Elementary Principals Association, Phi Delta Kappa and Hicksville Rotary, where he was past president and citizen of the year in 1981. He was also a member of the Board of Public Affairs, the board of education of Hicksville Exempted Village Schools, Crippled Children's Society, Village Players, Friends of the Hicksville Library, the Hicksville Park Board and the Retired Teachers Association.

He coached the Dotco Connie Mack League baseball team for 19 years, and also coached girls basketball and junior high football in Hicksville.

He was born Aug. 16, 1931, in Allen County, Ind., to Ralph "Pat" and Vera M. (Rex) Hook. His mother survives in St. Joe and his father is deceased.

Also surviving him are his wife, Alice; one son, Jeff E. of Findlay, Ohio; one daughter, Beth J. Headley of Hicksville; one brother, Edward L. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Genevieve Overmyer of Hicksville and Patsy M. Christner of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-7 p.m. and Thursday from 2-9 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Greg Inboden will officiate. Burial will take place in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with military graveside services conducted by the Hicksville posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paulding County Visiting Nurses Association (Hospice), Grace United Methodist Church or Johnson Memorial Library.

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Emma Nott

GARRETT — Emma W. Nott, 93, died today at 6:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

She was born Jan. 3, 1904, in Michlingburg, Germany, to Carl and Lena (McHale) Diederich. She married William H. Nott on Nov. 23, 1933, in Garrett and he died in November 1972.

She is survived by two sons, Howard of Midland, Mich., and Harold of Grabill; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Carl, Fred, Herman, August and Paul Diederich, and four sisters, Elsa, Minnie and Aletha Diederich and Meta Drews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home, Garrett, or one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, near Garrett.

Letha Smith

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Letha L. Smith, 79, of Angola, died Friday at 2:01 a.m. in Winter Haven Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker, a graduate of Metz High School and a member of the Metz Christian Church.

She was born May 1, 1918, in Williams County, Ohio, to the late Floyd and Ida Belle (McCormick) Reese.

On June 4, 1938, she married DeLoy Smith, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters, Joan "Jo" Myers of Plainfield, and Jean "Willie" Tidwell of Nashville, Tenn.; a sister, Etolah Fisher of Albion, Mich.; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and a stepgreat-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Allen Smith in 1944, and a grandson, Gregory Pollard in 1987.

Friends may call Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Greg Essex officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Richland Township, Steuben County.

Memorial donations may be made to Cameron Hospital and Home Health Care Services or the Metz Christian Church.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Helen M. Smith**, 91, died Friday. Services Wednesday in Warren, Mich.

CHURUBUSCO — **Robert J. Gross**, 58, died Monday from injuries received in a car-pedestrian accident. Services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Churubusco United Methodist Church. Calling 2-8 p.m. Friday in Sheets Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Deaths/Funerals

Daniel Johnson

AUBURN — Daniel M. Johnson, 92, died today at 6:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

He was a partner in Johnson Brothers Implement Business in the 1920s. He worked for Culbertson Hardware in Auburn for 20 years and Dunn Brothers Implement Store in Waterloo for 20 years, retiring in 1970.

He attended the County Line Church of God and lived on South Cedar Street in Auburn. He was a member of and active in the DeKalb County Horseshoe Pitching Club, a diehard Chicago Cubs fan and an avid sports fan.

He was born Aug. 8, 1905, in Hamilton to the late James T. and Dema (Vean) Johnson.

He married Josephine Loftus on Sept. 24, 1924, in Hillsdale, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Delmar of Auburn and Don of Allen County; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tom and Dallas, a half-brother, Charles Johnson, and two half-sisters, Stella Johnson and Hester McKinley.

Friends may call Friday from 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Bob Herman of the County Line Church of God will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the DeKalb County Humane Society or the Heimach Senior Center, Auburn.

Veronica Dahlstrom

AUBURN — Veronica C. Dahlstrom, 85, died Sunday at 4:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a former employee of Haffner's Warehouse in Garrett, retiring in 1974. She also had worked at the former White's Westwood grocery store in Auburn.

She was born June 12, 1912, in Chicago to the late Augusta and Anna (Stude) Venn.

Surviving her are two daughters, Linda L. Adams of Auburn and Jean Leinweber of Elgin, Ill.; two sons, Donald of Chicago and Brian of Sioux Falls, S.D.; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Myrna Dahlstrom, preceded her in death.

Services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Holy Ghost Catholic Church at South Holland, Ill. There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be given to DeKalb County Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Strow

CROSSVILLE, Ill. — Harold Eugene Strow, 95, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died Dec. 23 at 4:14 a.m. at The Hospice By the Sea, Boca Raton, Fla.

He was born Oct. 9, 1902, in DeKalb County to Henry Daniel and Mary Anne (Henney) Strow. He married Reva Louise Goodman on Jan. 16, 1925, and she preceded him in death on May 31, 1992.

His early education was in the public schools of Indiana and he was awarded a bachelor's degree from Indiana University. Later he studied at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Johns Hopkins University and received his master's degree from Northwestern University.

He taught in the public schools of Illinois and at Milwaukee University, where he became director of the school. Later he taught at Chatham Hall in Chatham, Va., retiring in 1969. Since retirement, he has lived in Boynton Beach.

He was a member of the Crossville Rotary Club and a member of the Masonic Lodge 272 of Carmi, Ill. While in Milwaukee he was a member of the University Club and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Leisureville Square Club of Boynton Beach.

He is survived by a brother-in-law and wife, Sam and Sue Goodman of Paris, Tenn., and numerous nieces and nephews. a sister, Florence May Hawk and two brothers, Russell J. and Carl W. Strow.

Graveside services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at the Stokes Chapel Cemetery near Crossville, with Rev. Harold Meriwether officiating.

Campbell Funeral Home of Carmi is in charge of arrangements.

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